

# Friends of Maud School Parent Council

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## AGM Minutes

Wednesday 7th September 2022

**Present:** Shona Esslemont (chair), Caroline Simpson (vice chair), Catherine Moran (treasurer), Vicki Gibson (Secretary), Mrs Steel, Mrs McCue, Miss Simpson, Louise Brown, Cat Anderson, Leanne Brown, Jill Gibson, Rachael Smith, Sarah McQuaid, Helen Feeney, Lenka Mbadugha, Lynne Pirie, Vicki Brown, Nicola Clarke, Annette Clark, Katie Fordyce

**Apologies:** Christine Wood, Kate Noble, Emma Buchan, Claire Lawrence, Leah Middleton

### Minutes from previous AGM:

These were read out by Shona Esslemont and approved by Caroline Simpson  
Seconded by Katie Fordyce

### Head Teachers Report:

We've hit the ground running after a lovely seven week Summer break and look forward to hopefully having a 'normal' whole school year again with no restrictions in force.

The children and staff have settled into the new school year very quickly again and we have welcomed our new families and P1 pupils who have just started full days with us as of this week.

There's a very calm ethos around the school and it's lovely to see and feel the happiness and positivity!

### Staffing

Our session has started with a roll of 90 pupils and have been lucky to retain 5 classes as follows:

Miss McWilliam – P1/2

Miss Buchan – P2/3

Miss Walker – P4/5

Mrs Sutton – P5/6

Miss Simpson – P6/7

We welcome back Mrs McCue from her maternity leave. She has a teaching remit of one day alongside her two day Head Teacher remit. We also welcome Mrs Youngson who has

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joined our staff for a day and a half a week, providing non class contact cover for our teachers. We also have had a slight reduction in our allocation of Pupil Support Assistant hours so have four members of staff working across classes and supporting break times and lunch duties.

## **School Priorities**

Our priorities for this year include the following: Literacy and Numeracy – continuing to raise attainment across all year groups, Health and Wellbeing – focussing on the support of Mental Health for all of our stakeholders and revisiting and refreshing our school's Vision, Values and Aims with pupils, parents and staff.

Please remember to tell us about any good news and achievements this session so that we can continue to celebrate them as a school community.

We look forward to working with you all again this session as we continue to be the best that we can be.

## **Treasurers Report:**

The accounts show that as per the bank statement on the 13<sup>th</sup> of July 2022 we finished the financial year with a balance of £2565.14 with an actual balance of £2557.24 due to an uncashed cheque at the time.

This year we still weren't able to hold our bigger fundraising events such as the Coffee Evening and the Burns Ceilidh but as restrictions started to ease least we did manage to run some fundraising events.

The fundraising events that we have managed to hold this year include:

- The Christmas lucky squares which raised a fab £614.41
- The I'm A Celebrity sweep stake raised £122.50.
- Bingo raised £304.01
- Games Night & Easter Lucky Squares raised a fab £788.64
- Sports Day Tea/Coffees & Tombola Stall at Jubilee Day raised £80.20
- End of term disco raised £191.47 thank you to the disco ladies for organising this.

We had some very generous donations of the following:

- £250 from Maud Kids Football
- £15 from Valerie Pratt
- £500 from Bruce McAngus
- £10 from Platform 5
- £500 from Gray & Adams

So what has the money been spent on this year:

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- We provided the Christmas presents and food bags for the kids Christmas parties
- Kitted the P7s out with their leaver's hoodies
- Gave the School a £600 donation towards end of term trips
- Provided Ice Cream on Sports Day and Juice and Crisps for Jubilee Picnic
- Provided leaving gifts for Miss Lawson, Mrs Reid and Miss Thompson

Hopefully fundraising will get back to normal over the next school year, but as usual the support of the parents and the community is always appreciated with this.

So, we finish the 2021/22 financial year in a position to be able to hand over a cheque for £1500 to the school.

Mrs Steel and Mrs McCue said a big thank you for this.

## **Maud School Football:**

Training returned on Tuesday and we have had a fantastic new intake of primary ones which is great to see and a few new older ones as well which is great. Football training is open to all Maud Primary School pupils from P1-P7, just come along to Maud Pleasure Park on Tuesday evenings from 6.30 – 7.30pm and remember to bring a soft drink and wear shin pads.

The Strathythan League also started back on Saturday for the P4-7's which everyone is delighted about. We have got an A team made up of P6/7 and a B team made up of P4/5.

They are always looking out for new coaches, if anyone would like to come and help that would be great or if you would like more information then please get in touch with Cat Anderson.

In the winter the P1/2 go into the hall to train, if any of the new P1 mums can help out with duties that would be great. You need to have a PVG to do this but the football pay for this so please ask for a form to fill out. If we can get enough help then there can be a rota made up and save the same parents being there every week. Thank you.

They have started a facebook page aswell so look out for Maud kids football.

Any enquiries then please email Cat Anderson at [maudschoolfootball@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:maudschoolfootball@hotmail.co.uk) or look on the facebook page.

## **Adoption of new constitution:**

Shona explained that the council had come to us and asked us to update our constitution to their style to ensure we still get our funding. A copy of the new constitution was emailed out to all parents and they were asked if anyone had any issues with it. Everyone was happy and was asked to vote to adopt it. It then was unanimously voted for.

## **Election of new committee:**

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Shona started by thanking the school and other committee members for their help and support during the year. Nominations or volunteers were asked for, but nobody had indicated an interest in any of the roles so the present committee agreed to keep on their roles

Chair person- Shona Esslemont nominated by Vicki Gibson seconded by Caroline Simpson  
Vice Chair person- Caroline Simpson nominated by Shona Esslemont seconded by Catherine Moran

Treasurer- Catherine Moran nominated by Shona Esslemont seconded by Lynne Pirie

Secretary- Vicki Gibson nominated by Caroline Simpson seconded by Shona Esslemont

It was also discussed about getting some extra fundraisers to help with organising and setting up. Leanne Brown, Sarah McQuaid, Cat Anderson and Rachael Smith all said they would help. This was very much appreciated and will help so much. Thank you.

## **AOB**

Vicki asked if anyone had any fundraising ideas for the year ahead. Mrs Steel said she had seen someone doing a colour fun run for all ages and looked good fun. The games night was suggested to be done again. Louise Brown added if we needed any hampers or anything done she could help.

Mrs McCue suggested we looked into seeing if we could get grants to help with different things for the school. She said she would ask her friend about what they got and we would also have a look into this.

## **Date of next meeting:**

**Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> November 6.30pm via Teams**

**Shona thanked everyone for coming.**