

Friends of Maud School Parent Council

Minutes

Wednesday 2nd February 2022

Shona Esslemont (chair), Caroline Simpson (Vice chair), Catherine Moran (Treasurer), Vicki Gibson (Secretary), Mrs Steel, Miss Walker, Miss Simpson, Donna Sutherland, Louise Cran, Jill Gibson, Kate Noble, Cat Anderson, Katie Fordyce, Annette Clark, Lynne Pirie, Helen Feeney, Christine Wood

Apologies:

John & Georgie Curno, Kath OConnor, Yvonne ONeil, Louise Muir, Emma Buchan

Minutes from previous meeting:

Shona read through these. No matters arising and they were approved by Annette Clark and seconded by Katie Fordyce.

Head Teacher's report:

It's been a busy start to the term and unfortunately, Covid has had an impact on attendance within school for both pupils and staff. We have had a large number of pupils having to isolate as well as members of staff and are just starting to turn a corner now. Staff, where possible, have been working to ensure that learning is available for those pupils at home as well as those currently in school and we very much appreciate the support of parents when we have had to ask whole classes to work from home.

Covid mitigations are still currently in place but as of yesterday, we are now allowed to relax the need for bubbles within the school building but still ask that regular testing with lateral flow devices takes place to reduce the risk of infection.

In school, children continue to make good progress. Our recent Scots poetry competition was a highlight of the term so far and we were proud of the hard work that had gone into learning and reciting their poems. This week, we are also restarting our committee meetings where all pupils and staff will be part of a committee, playing their part in leading specific developments throughout the school.

We have just been awarded our Rights Respecting Schools Bronze award and this gives us a key focus in our work going forward. We look forward to seeing how this will progress as time goes by.

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P7 have also had their introductory transition session with a visit from Academy staff and an online session for parents. They are looking forward to further transition sessions over the course of the term, in particular, 'Go Wild' sessions where they will learn outdoor skills and have a camping session in the Academy!

Parents appointments are also currently being arranged as part of our 'Reporting to Parents' process and these will be held next week.

Thank you.

Treasurers report:

Catherine reported that the balance as of 2nd February was £873.81. We took in £202.50 from I'm a Celebrity before expenditures of prizes. £80 was spent on prizes so was left with £122.50. We have also spent £465.84 on the children's Christmas presents and party. We should be due some Aberdeenshire council funding soon aswell.

Leavers Hoodies:

We have got all the sizes and information for hoodies and are in the process of being ordered. Cat said that the football would pay for half of the hoodies. Very generous of them and we are very grateful for it.

Burns Supper:

It was decided not to go ahead with the Burns Supper as there were a lot of cases locally and thought would be safer to cancel.

Bingo:

Shona said we are planning on having a Bingo night on Saturday 26th February at Maud Social Club. Eyes down 8pm. We are looking and would be grateful of and raffle prizes from parents.

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Football:

Cat gave us an update of what's been happening with football. They have changed their name to Maud Kids Football and are running a competition with the children to create a logo for the new name. There will be a prize from the P1-3 and the P4-7 then an overall winner. They will be chosen at the football committee meeting on Tuesday 8th February.

Cat told us they are having a quiz night on Saturday 26th March at the Maud Social Club.

A.O.B:

Shona thanked Mrs Steel and all her staff for the amazing job they are doing and done over the last few weeks.

Shona thanked everyone for attending.

Date of next meeting:

Wednesday 27th April 2022 @ 6.30pm - All welcome