

# 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 McWilliam, Miss Buchan, Cat Anderson, Leanne Brown, Jill Gibson, Rachael Mitchell, Sarah McQuaid, Helen Feeney, Lenka Mbadugha, Lynne Pirie, Vicki Brown, Annette Clark, Kate Noble, Claire Lawrence, Kylie Chalmers.

**Apologies:** Christine Wood, Nicola Clarke, Katie Fordyce, Donna Sutherland, Louise Brown, Rachael Smith, Leah Middleton

### Minutes from previous AGM:

These were read out by Shona Esslemont and approved by Catherine Moran  
Seconded by Caroline Simpson

### Head Teachers Report:

We've hit the ground running after a lovely Summer break and look forward to a busy and productive school session! The children and staff have settled into the new school session very quickly again and we have welcomed our 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 staff and children interacting positively.

### Staffing

Our session has started with a roll of 89 pupils and we have 4 classes as follows:

Miss Buchan – P1/2/3

Miss McWilliam – P3/4

Mrs Youngson – P5/6

Miss Simpson – P6/7

Ms Munro and Mrs McCue continue to deliver the Non Class Contact Time (NCCT) for all teachers on a Monday and Tuesday. We have had a slight 3-hour reduction in our allocation of Pupil Support Assistant hours so we continue to have four members of staff working across classes and supporting break times and lunch duties.

### Changes

Mrs Steel has made the decision to remain at Mintlaw as Acting HT for the duration of this school session. This has all happened very quickly as it was not the plan going into this session but things have literally changed in the space of a few days. As a result, Mrs McCue will continue to lead the school Monday - Wednesday and Mrs Steel's days will be back-filled as soon as possible. Miss McWilliam will support on a Thursday and Friday until long-term plans are made. We have secured Miss Arkwell to teach on a Friday until the October holidays and I will be advertising a fixed term post for the rest of the session.

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## School Priorities

Our priorities for this year include the following: Literacy and Numeracy – embedding consistency and progression in the delivery of our maths programme, developing play in all classes and engaging our pupils in the writing process. Health and Wellbeing – focussing on ensuring an inclusive environment for all learners using the CIRCLE resource. This is an Authority led target. We also plan to re-visit and update our school's positive relationship policy alongside our 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.

Mrs Steel added that it was a very hard decision that she did not take lightly. It all happened very fast but she is very confident that the school is in a great place and will keep doing well. It has been an emotional rollercoaster this last week but Maud is her home and she will be back with us soon.

## Treasurers Report:

The accounts show that as per online banking and last statement we finished the financial year with a balance of £3707.46. Catherine has got all the bank statements, deposits and receipts available if anyone has any questions.

It was lovely to be able to finally hold all the normal fundraising events this year which includes:

- Halloween disco raised £73.95
- Christmas disco raised £14.43
- The Christmas lucky squares raised £791
- Burns Supper which raised £48.49
- Photo fundraiser with H Milne raised £120
- Games night raised £182.66
- Easter disco raised £133.19
- May Fayre raised a massive £1547.37
- End of term disco raised £119.93

We had our usual Aberdeenshire Council funding of £285.90 but haven't had any other donations this year.

We have spent the money this year on:

- Christmas presents and food bags for party
- The P7 leavers hoodies
- A disco each term
- Providing leaving gifts for Miss Walker and Mrs Sutton

So we finish the 2022/2023 financial year in a position to be able to hand over a cheque for £2500 to the school.

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## **Maud Kids Football:**

Cat told us that Football training is back for any Maud School pupils that would like to attend. We train every Tuesday from 6.30-7.30pm at Maud Pleasure Park.

We have had 1 new P1 starting with us this year.

Strathythan outdoor league has started on Saturday mornings for our P4-7 pupils, we have entered 1 A team and 1 B team.

We are still looking for new coaches to join our team, as kids leave P7, so do their coach parents so with this coming year our coaching numbers go down and we could really be done with some younger children's parents to come and join the team. Please contact Cat if you would like any more information.

## **AOB**

Helen pointed out that parents don't always know what all the teachers look like. There are a few new faces in the school this term and would be lovely to see a face to match the names the children come home to tell us about. We know there is a photo wall up in the school but she suggested that something could go out in an email or on facebook aswell. Mrs McCue agreed that this was a good idea and she would try get something sorted.

Caroline asked if there was any chance of going back to taking in pe kits and changing at school. Miss McWilliam explained that from a teachers point of view it is so much quicker and easier and the children get more time for their pe if they are already dressed for it. It was discussed and there were a lot of points put across. It was said that it's not so bad for the little ones but for the older ones they have to sit all day in their sweaty clothes. On the other side if they have there pe kits in a bag all week that's not nice either. It was suggested that a dress code could be made so that everyone is the same. Mrs McCue said she would put out a questionnaire and see what parents are thinking.

Vicki spoke about the walk to Aden. She said it could have been organised better this year. The fact that they had just got there and parents were called to pick up early. It was understandable that the weather did take a turn but it was hard for all the parents to drop everything to pick up their kids. Mrs McCue said they did feel more under pressure this year to do it as this was the first year of it being a sponsored event. It was suggested that even though it is being sponsored I'm sure parents wouldn't mind if the date has to change. It will be something to discuss next year and will see how they can make it better.

Vicki said that the school swap shop at the resource centre is going well and there is still plenty uniforms if anyone is on the look. She said that sports kits for all are dropping off sportswear for anyone that needs. The resource centre has so many things going on to supports families. If anyone needs anything please do not hesitate to pop in and see them.

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## **Election of new committee:**

Shona started by thanking the school and other committee members for their help and support during the year. All roles were discussed and asked if anyone wanted more information about them. After a lot of discussing the following parents came forward to take on these roles.

Chair person- Vicki Brown nominated by Vicki Gibson seconded by Caroline Simpson  
Vice Chair person- Jill Gibson nominated by Vicki Gibson seconded by Shona Esslemont  
Treasurer- Rachael Mitchell nominated by Kate Noble seconded by Emma Buchan  
Secretary- Vicki Gibson nominated by Lynne Pirie seconded by Caroline Simpson

We are very grateful for the past committee and delighted to welcome the new committee on board. It is so important to have the support of parents to keep our children getting the extra treats they get.

## **Date of next meeting:**

**Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> November 6.30pm via Teams**

**Shona thanked everyone for coming.**