

MADRAS COLLEGE PARENT COUNCIL POLICY & COMMUNITY RELATIONS GROUP

Notes from meeting held at Kilrymont, Saturday 1st December 2007, 10.30 – 12.30

Present:	Adam Alexander	Apologies:	Alex Slawin
	Bruce Sinclair		Alison Scott
	Geraldine Wooley		Alistair Black
	Heather Marriage		Cllr. Dorothea Morrison
	Jackie Himpson		Eric Bowman
	Rebecca Bransby		Fiona Roger
			Henry Paul
			Ian Jones
			Mary Scott
			Phil Williams

The group agreed to define its role and to identify issues and priorities it should properly consider. The group would report back to the Parent Council with issues and concerns raised, recommendations discussed and any initiatives it had agreed to take.

Given the following stated aims of the Parent Council:

- To be inclusive for all
- To promote partnerships between the school, its pupils, all its parents and community
- To develop and engage in activities which support the education and welfare of pupils
- To identify and represent the views of parents on the education provided by the school, and on other matters affecting the education and welfare of the pupils

the group defined its role as follows:

1. To support the aims of the Parent Council by forging and maintaining effective communication links with and between the Parent Forum, staff, pupils and the wider community, to inform and to seek feedback where appropriate.
2. To support the interests, needs and welfare of the pupils by working with the school to help develop and refresh its policies and procedures.
3. To take a pro-active role in fostering good community relations.

Our discussion was wide ranging and highlighted many issues and areas of concern, which may best be summarized under the following headings:

- ◆ COMMUNICATION BETWEEN SCHOOL AND PARENTS
- ◆ COMMUNICATION BETWEEN PARENT COUNCIL AND PARENT FORUM
- ◆ SCHOOL WEBSITE
- ◆ BULLYING
- ◆ DISCIPLINE
- ◆ HOMEWORK
- ◆ BUSES
- ◆ SCHOOL UNIFORM

NEXT MEETING IS SCHEDULED FOR WEDNESDAY 9TH JANUARY AT 7.30 PM, ROOM 107 AT KILRYMONT. ALL WELCOME.

Adam Alexander, 8.12.07