

Madras College Parent Council
Annual General Meeting
Wednesday 3rd Sept 2014
Kilrymont Rd. 6.30pm

MINUTES

1. Welcome from the chair, Paul Brown
Acting secretary, Charlotte Kirby, gave an explanation for her position being temporary, having recently taken over from Sam Byres. She welcomed others to take over the role in the following election of the new committee.

Apologies:

Cllr Tim Brett, Cllr. Bill Connor Cllr. Keith McCartney, Cllr Dorothea Morrison, Lynne Christie, Rachel Naismith, Carol Urqhart, Sally Walker

Attendees:

Lorna Angus, Karen Barnett, Paul Brown, Catriona Connelly, Debbie Cumming, Fiona Day, Charlotte Kirby, Georgiana Mazilu, David McClure, Callum McLeod, Faizi Muhamad, Jane Pettegree, Andy Primmer, Liza Scott, Susan Simpson, Cllr. Brian Thompson, Rebecca Trengove, Dawn Waddell, Hugh Watson, Scott Wilson.

2. Minutes of last AGM

No inaccuracies reported so accepted as true representation. Proposed by Andy Primmer and seconded by Karen Barnett.

3. Acting Chair's report

Paul Brown thanked Sam Byres for her work as secretary; Dawn Waddell for her work as treasurer and the Rector for all his cooperation throughout this year. He reflected on a very positive year, stating that the early meetings were lengthy but discussed matters in detail and were transparent. The Rector had also been very open and responsive to matters raised. He has brought school development plans, the 'whole pupil experience', academic attainment and Curriculum for Excellence implementation and any other issues to PC meetings that have a small but good parental representation.

The e-mail notice to parents about this AGM summarised the spirit of this year's PC meetings and Paul Brown also welcomed his regular meetings with the Rector to reflect on the meetings and progress various items raised.

4. Treasurer's report

Dawn Waddell handed out copies of this year's accounts, summarised as follows:

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| Opening Balance (as at 1 st September 2013) | £2684.86 |
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| Main income streams: | 50/50 club (£377.50) |
| | Easy Fundraising (£537.69) |

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| Grants Awarded: | Pipe Band (£295) |
| | Archive Group (£143.00) |

Website and Fashion show insurance: £61.10

Closing Balance (at 31st August 2014): £3159.95

Thanks to Ewan Sparks for auditing these accounts.

5. No other reports given.

6. Address by the Rector

The rector gave a brief report on three main points as more would be discussed in the following first PC meeting.

a) The uniform initiative.

The Rector outlined his plans to keep the drive for all pupils to adhere to the uniform rules. He outlined how he had talked about the two main drivers behind wearing blazers to the S5 pupils in that morning's assembly. These were 'image' and 'security'. The image of the school is important during times of falling school rolls. 1 staff member is lost for every 18 pupils down. The uniform distinguishes the school and helps sell it. 52 pupils have enrolled since June half term, making the present roll stable. The security of pupils is also enhanced by wearing of the uniform in such an open campus as South Street.

The Drive to continue with uniform will continue.

b) Relations with the PC

The Rector welcomed the positive relations with the PC over the past year. The discussions have been open and he has attempted to deal with most issues raised.

c) Meetings with PC chair and Parent Forums.

These regular meetings have proved a very useful way for a 2-way exchange and maintaining momentum between PC meetings. It also ensures that in the PC meetings there are no 'Surprise issues' and information is to hand when required in the PC meetings.

The Parent focus group has been very successful covering issues such as assessment and homework. The Reporting calendar came from these discussions. Very useful forum to cover the Broad General education years.

The New Build is still on going and the New Nat 4/5s and Highers/Advanced Highers are major items that are being taken forward

7. Election of Parent Council for 2014-15. The rector took the chair.

8. Election of Chair for 2014-15

Paul Brown as Chair

Proposed by Andy Primmer, seconded by Rebecca Trengove.

9. Election of vice Chair

Andy Primmer

Proposed by Charlotte Kirby, seconded by Calum McLeod.

10. Election of Secretary
Jane Pettegree *
Proposed by Rebecca Trengove, seconded by Paul Brown.
11. Treasurer
Dawn Waddell
Proposed by Paul Brown, seconded by Andy Primmer

* It was noted that Jane will take on this role if there is support for working with the PC website, which needs to be updated. The website needs to be addressed in PC meetings soon. Dawn Waddell also offered to take minutes in PC meetings if Jane cannot make any.