

## Madras Parent Council - AGM Minute

2<sup>nd</sup> September 2015  
6.30pm Kilrymont Rd

**Present:** Paul Brown (chair), Lynn Christie, Charlotte Kirby, Georgiana Mazilu, Callum McLeod, David McLure (Head Teacher), Heather Moffitt, Anna Moss, Rachel Naismith, Jonathan O’Riordan, Jane Pettegree (secretary), Andy Primmer, Angela Robertson (teacher), Richard Sheratt, Susan Simpson, Brian Thomson, Carol Urquhart, Dawn Waddell (treasurer), Sally Walker, Jo Secker Walker, Hugh Watson (teacher)

**Apologies for absence:** Karen Barnett, Cllr Tim Brett, Cllr Keith McCartney, Cllr Dorothea Morrison, Rebecca Trengove

1. **Minutes of 2014 AGM:** the figures from the Treasurer’s report were incorporated into the version on record, spelling and attendance mistakes noted, and the amendments proposed and seconded by: Paul Brown and Susan Simpson.
2. **Report from Parent Council Chair (Paul Brown):**
  - Regular meetings between the Head Teacher and the Chair have continued this year to produce constructive conversations.
  - The school received a good inspection report in 2015, and was one of the first schools in Scotland to be inspected under a new inspection regime. As reports came in for other schools, it became evident that the results for Madras put the school ahead of most others inspected last year.
  - Meetings of the Parent Council throughout the year addressed continuing concerns about the implementation of the Curriculum for Excellence new qualifications in Scotland, and in particular, the impact of the new qualifications on the range of Advanced Higher options available to students previously examined under the ‘old’ regime.
  - There had been no significant movement towards building a new school due to legal objections to the proposed site.
  - Reports from the Head Teacher throughout last year showed the school putting significant effort into attainment, tracking and monitoring, and improving discipline and school ethos through the uniform policy.
3. **Report from PC Secretary (Jane Pettegree):** Grateful thanks were recorded to Graham Kirby for designing and relaunching the Parent Council website, and for ongoing support and maintenance. Thanks were also given to outgoing parent Debbie Cummings for her significant help with fundraising initiative over recent years, in particular the 50/50 club and the summer fair.

#### 4. Report from PC Treasurer (Dawn Waddell):

The EasyFundraiser account has been handed over and is now managed by the Treasurer.

Opening balance (as at 1 <sup>st</sup> September 2014):	£3159.95
Main income streams:	
50/50 club (£182.50 + account closure £234.50)	(£417.00)
Easy Fundraising	(£937.23)
	<b>£4514.18</b>
There has been very little <b>expenditure</b> this year:	
Web hosting and domain expenses	(-£41.68)
Closing balance (at 31 <sup>st</sup> August 2015):	<b><u>£4472.50</u></b>

Thanks were given to Ewen Sparks for auditing the accounts.

#### 5. Report from Head Teacher (David McLure):

- The HT confirmed that the outcome of the school inspection report put Madras as one of the best 6 reports in Scotland.
- The school uniform continues to be consistently enforced. Reasons given were (a) showing respect for the school and wider community; (b) links between self-presentation and attainment.
- Links with the Parent Council and its chair continue to be constructive.

Further discussion of SQA results this session were held over until the ensuing Parent Council meeting (see that minute).

#### 6. Nomination and appointment of office holders for 2015-16

Chair: Paul Brown re-appointed (nominated - Andy Primmer; seconded: Jane Pettegree)

Vice Chair: Andy Primer (nominated - Paul Brown; seconded Charlotte Kirby)

Secretary: Jane Pettegree re-appointed (nominated - Georgiana Mazilu; seconded: Susan Simpson)

Treasurer: Dawn Waddell re-appointed (nominated - Paul Brown; seconded - Charlotte Kirby)

It was noted that the Chair, Secretary and Treasurer were all only

available for one more year, and that shadowing arrangements should be put in place later in the session to ensure a smooth progression for next year.

**7. Schedule of meetings - future dates for 2015-16:**

Wednesday 28th October

Wednesday 20th January

Wednesday 2nd March

Wednesday 18th May

The new Parent Council convened immediately following this meeting to review any business arising from last minute and any new business not covered under the AGM agenda. See the minute for the first meeting.