

Minutes of Marr College Parent Council

Annual General Meeting

Wednesday 12th November 2014



Present - Duncan Beckwith - Chair, Angela Malcolm - Vice Chair, Elaine McGregor-Sloman - Head Teacher, Katy Purdie - Secretary & Katherine Woodhouse (minutes)

Council Members - Ann Cowan, Jackie Sim, Hilary Ramage, Julie Cotter, Karen Dunlop, Kate Dunn, Kaye Matthews, Lindsay Gwynne, Mark Fitzpatrick, Renate Drauz-Brown, Susan Rhodes, Wendy McKenna and Cllr Nan McFarlane

Forum Members - Clair Milne, Clare Brennan, Debbie Ross, Timothy Wight

Apologies – Catriona MacGarvie, Lindsay Campbell, Janet Wylie, Margaret Dalziel, Cllr Bill McIntosh & Cllr Peter Convery

<p>1. <u>Welcome</u> Duncan welcomed those in attendance and apologies were noted.</p>	
<p>2. <u>Approval of Minutes & Matters Arising</u> The Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of 6th November 2013 were agreed as being correct. Proposed by Jackie Sim and seconded by Katy Purdie.</p>	
<p>3. <u>Chair's Report – Duncan Beckwith</u> Duncan reported on some of the key events during his first full year as Chair:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• A positive inspection took place last November following which the school continues to move forward.• Staffing issues in the English department have now been resolved with a good team in place.• The long overdue refurbishment is now moving forward with work due to commence in summer 2015 which will create a fantastic learning environment.• Plans have been approved for 2 all weather sports pitches. <p>Duncan noted that whilst the new all weather facilities are to be welcomed, it is a concern that, with the exception of Mrs Dawson and Rory McGhee (rugby development officer), it is largely down to parents and other interested individuals to provide rugby and hockey coaching after school. Special thanks should be given to these people for giving their time so selflessly. It is to be hoped that when Mrs Dawson and other PE teachers retire over the coming years, thought will be given to their replacements to ensure that the hockey (and rugby) traditions of Marr continue. He also hopes to see the continued development of activities in music and drama.</p> <p>Following the success of the first summer fayre in June, Duncan hopes that this will become a permanent fixture in the school calendar and gave thanks to all those involved in the organisation and running of the event, in particular Mark Fitzpatrick and Fiona Strachan.</p> <p>In conclusion, Duncan expressed his thanks to Parent Council members who have stepped down this year as well as thanking Katy Purdie, Angela Malcolm, Margaret Dalziel and Katherine Woodhouse for their valued support. This is a very exciting time for Marr and Duncan hopes that the Parent Council will continue to work together with students and teaching staff to make Marr College a school of which we can be rightly proud.</p>	

<p>4. Treasurer's Report</p> <p>In Margaret's absence Duncan presented her report (see Appendix B) and advised that the opening balance at the beginning of the year was £855.46 with a closing balance of £731.65. Credits totalling £75.85 had been received from 'Easy Fundraising', with the only outgoing being a £200 donation for hockey masks. The books have been audited and checked. Duncan asked for consideration to be given as to how this money should be spent, other than on the summer fayre.</p>	
<p>5. Election of Office Bearers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Although Katy was hoping to stand down as Secretary there was no-one willing to take on the role. Angela had offered to take this on and step down as Vice Chair, however there were no volunteers to fulfil this role either. Katy agreed to stay on as Secretary for one more year and Angela will remain as Vice Chair. • Margaret will be stepping down as Treasurer when her daughter leaves school next year. Alan Blackwood agreed to stand as Treasurer from May 2015 allowing ample time for a smooth transition. • Katy received 3 applications from parents wishing to become Parent Council members – Debbie Ross, Clare Brennan and Timothy Wight, with possible interest to be confirmed from Stephen Murchie. 	
<p>AGM ends</p>	