

## MADRAS COLLEGE ARCHIVE SUPPORT GROUP

Note of meeting of Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2015, from 3.45 – 4.45 pm in K1

1. **Present:** Ann Bridges, Edmund Robertson, Lindsay Hodge, Donald Macgregor, David Watkinson, Elaine Methven, Frances Humphries, Liz Higgins, Maia Sheridan, Ted Brocklebank, Lindsay Matheson. **Apologies:** Anne Morris, Arlen Pardoe, Colin Mackay, David Galloway, Jamie Macleod, Jim Bennett.
2. The note of the meeting of 5<sup>th</sup> February was accepted. Final copy attached.
3. DMcG welcomed new member Ted Brocklebank, eminent FP and figure in Scottish public life.
4. LM was asked to arrange for a further 100 copies of the Burgh School booklet to be printed.
5. There were no reports from the Oral sub-group or the Website subgroup. CM and AP will bring members up to date at the June meeting. CM will be asked to brief Ted on the plans and technology for interviews.
6. FH reported that the scrapbooks were up to date.
7. ER's search for information on the Madras medals may have been boosted by the discovery of items in of two presentation cases from the 1920s.
8. EH and LM emphasised the urgent need for cataloguing to be undertaken. LM had taken a cursory glance through uncatalogued material and found several hundred items of interest, including the medals mentioned above. DMcG agreed that this should be a priority for our future plans. EH and MS are working on the standardisation of categories for the future. The school's forthcoming IT upgrade to Windows 7 will also be an essential feature.
9. AB reported communication with Head Boy Jamie on the idea of "Capturing the Moment" for the archive of each pupil cohort as it passes through. Establishing a structure to take effect in the coming session would be a priority.
10. There was discussion about possible future work on the history of the school, especially in view of the current relocation proposals. DMcG spoke of a more formal and updated version of Dr Thompson's history, while TB suggested that a magazine format similar to the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary publication might also be considered. ER could contribute a section on Mathematics to any new formal history, while FH could do likewise on the work of Trustees in aspects such as land ownership. AB offered to edit whatever type of publication was decided upon. In sum another priority for the forthcoming session seemed to have been agreed.
11. EM and AB introduced some instances illustrating staff vs pupil events down the years.
12. Concern was raised about the provision for storage and display of archive material within the facilities proposed for the new school at Pipeland. The Chair will write to Fife Council to clarify this aspect.
13. Date of next meeting: Thursday June 4<sup>th</sup> at 3.45 pm. This will also be our AGM.

14. DMcG closed the meeting at 4.45 pm with thanks to all.

LM 24<sup>th</sup> April, 2015