

**Comhairle Nam Parant / Parent Council Meeting**  
**Sgoil Ghaidhlig Ghlaschu / Glasgow Gaelic School**

**Mionaidean / Minutes**

**15/03/2018 @ 6.30pm**

**Committee Members Present:** Donalda McComb (DMcC), Douglas Morrison (DM), Nellie MacIntyre (NMacl), Catriona Campbell (CC), Fiona MacIntyre (FMacl), Kate Menzies (KM), Joanne Bowman (JB), Iain MacKinnon (IMaCk), Pamela Graham (PG), Judith Fisher (JF), Elaine MacLeod (EMaCl), Bruce Whyte (BW), Lynne McDonald (LMcD) and Arlene Ward (AW).

**Other Parents Present:** Sharon Anderson (SA), David Sutherland (DS), Paul Kennedy (PK), Aileen Scott (AS), Nicola Graham (NG).

**Apologies:** Graham Lynch, Sara MacDonald.

**1. Welcome and previous meetings**

DM welcomed everyone to the meeting. Previous minutes agreed.

Outstanding action points:

- DM/DMcC to ask for road safety inspection – still outstanding – to be followed up.
- DMcC to look at possibility of offering a video for those unable to attend the comhla anns a churraicealam – to be followed up.

**2. Head Teachers Report**

Staffing update – No suitable applicants for Computing or for Geography/history. 2x Clerical staff interviews successful. CDO and Support For Learning Worker posts had successful applicant.

CC advised that 2 types of foundation apprenticeships will be offered to pupils.

DMcC is looking into an app being adopted across other GCC schools –“show my homework”.

BW asked if bursaries available to encourage teaching in stem subjects could be opened to Gàidhlig as well – confirmed that suitable Gàidhlig speakers can apply through this scheme. CC advised that a new teacher training course at Sabhal Mòr Ostaig, should hopefully alleviate some issues. Further discussion around e-Sgoil.

**Action Point:** DM asked DMcC for appropriate contact in the BOLT group to try and establish forecasting of the Àrd sgoil teacher provision within GME. DMcC offered to contact Mona Wilson at Bòrd Nan Gàidhlig for input.

DMcC advised that there was a serious incident on one of the school buses. Parents of children who were directly involved in the incident were contacted. A letter was sent to all parents informing them of the incident. Due to safe-guarding issues DMcC could provide no further comment.

NG – asked why there are no chaperone on the buses? Not standard practice on any SPT / GCC bus – safe-guarding and impartiality issues were discussed

AW – suggested that parents require to develop a relationship with the bus driver, but equally the responsibility lies with the parent to teach their children about what behaviour is unacceptable on a bus.

**3. Parents Contacting the Media**

DM pointed out that parents are of course free to contact the media, however, if a parent has an issue with the school, in the first instance they should contact the HT.

#### 4. GME Update

- a) **Annexe** Ladybank/Cartvale – continuing discussions about pupils moving.
- b) **After School Care** Primary Playcare Ltd have sent an email to parents advising a questionnaire to follow to garner if an afterschool provision at the Ladybank annexe will be viable. This is ongoing.
- c) **Clubs and Parent Involvement** – what do parents want, what clubs would they like the children to have access too. NMacl – advised the children should have a say in this too.
- d) **Parent Council at the Annexe** – most agreed to have Annexe representation on the current PC as it is still part of the current SGG.
- e) **GME Road Map** - GCC currently doing an appraisal of all options across the city.  
BW –asked what’s happening with the new sports hall – DMcC advised lots of coming and going but no date to progress at present.

#### 5. Education Reforms

DM raised concerns about GME being side-lined in the proposed reforms. Joint representation raising concerns made with other GME school Parent Councils (Glasgow, Edinburgh, Inverness, Lochaber) to Education Scotland and Education Committee at Scottish Parliament. Separately DM wrote directly to the Cabinet Secretary for Education to raise concerns expressed by the Parent Council.

#### 6. Parent Council Priorities

- a) Parental engagements – social media, etc – JF asked if a list could be drawn of needs and asking parents to sign up. DM suggested a pot of money to be given to groups of parents and ask them to fundraise and try to make more money. FMacl suggested using the facebook groups to either take a turn of organising a school event to raise monies.  
Spors Ghlaschu may have to cancel Feis Spors due to lack of parental involvement.  
KM asked if we are having an event to open the school garden and invite all persons who have made it happen?  
Currently the silent Auction is not having a huge response for prizes.  
Ideas for the summer fayre (potentially the 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2018?)  
**Action Point: DMcC to contact administrators of the groups and try and get some fundraising ideas. Also to look at the Calendar and set up some dates for next year.**
- b) Fundraising – DM we need to think of what next? What does the school need? And what is our target?
- c) Legacy fund - currently ~£40,000 in the fund. Currently the school bus, is a 17-seater, but younger teachers with newer driving licences can't drive it. DMcC asked the PC for permission to trade it in for a smaller vehicle, which will allow more teachers access to drive the bus. This was unanimously agreed. **Action point: DM asked DMcC to cascade the opportunity for Legacy Fund application throughout the school staff.**

#### 7. AOCB

DM asked for volunteers to engage with the community councils around of Govan in the next year. Councillor Bell has offered to facilitate.

**Dates of next Meetings (amended schedule):** Thurs 26<sup>th</sup> April 2018 @ 6.30pm & Thurs 31<sup>st</sup> May 2018 @ 6.30pm.