

Comhairle Nam Pàrant / Parent Council

Sgoil Ghàidhlig Ghlaschu / Glasgow Gaelic School

Mionaidean / Minutes

01/02/2018 @ 6.30pm

Committee Members Present:

Donalda McComb (DMcC), Douglas Morrison (DM), Nellie MacIntyre (NMacl), Catriona Campbell (CC), Fiona MacIntyre (FMacl), Lynne McDonald (LMcD), Graham Lynch (GL), Kate Menzies (KM), Sara MacDonald (SMacD), Elaine MacLeod (EMacL), Siobhan Campbell (SC), Judith Fisher (JF), Pamela Graham (PG), Johanne Bowman (JB), Bruce White (BW).

Parent Forum Members Present:

Ilse Alim (LA), Andrew Saul (AS), Helen Stewart Gordon (HSG), Catriona MacPhee (CMacP),

Apologies: Iain MacKinnon.

1. Welcome

DM welcomed all to the first meeting of 2018 and wished everyone a happy new year.

2. HT Report

Vacancies - DMcC advised that there are a number of vacancies across nursery, primary and secondary as well as the school office and that some Legacy funding will be used to place adverts in local Newspapers with Ghàidhlig readerships e.g. The Outer Hebrides

Equity funding – similar budget has been allocated to the school for the coming year allowing the school to continue with plans.

Phonic Workshops - parental feedback so far has been positive.

Comhla anns a' Churraicealam – the focus was on numeracy. SC asked if the sessions could be recorded to allow parents who can't be available during day could view this instead.

ACTION: DMcC to look into this.

Homework Classes for the Secondary School ongoing

Modern Apprenticeships - A 1 year Modern Apprenticeship has been developed after feedback from pupils and schools across Glasgow.

Health and Wellbeing Week (5th Feb – 9th Feb 2018) – activities taking place across the whole of the primary and secondary school.

DMcC also reported that funding for the new sports hall at SGG has been confirmed by GCC.

3. Pupil Progress reporting Framework (Paper 1a – 1d).

NMacl introduced proposed changes new reporting framework (P1-P7). Parents agreed that the proposed reporting format gave a better overview of the children's progress and supported introducing the changes.

4. GME Glasgow

GME provision in Glasgow / update from GME Short-Life Working Group meetings

DM reported that the working group is required to decide on available options prior to the 15th February as GCC have to, by law, write to prospective P1 parents and advise what school their child is being placed at.

Currently there have been 146 requests for GME enrolment for 2018 across SGG and Glendale. The sustainable intake for SGG is set at 70 and 33 for Glendale 33 for 2018 intake.

The options discussed at the working group were Ladywell School (7 classrooms with no room for expansion) or Gowanbank (9 classrooms with ample room for expansion). Both these options would be classed as an annexe to SGG to allow all children a place in 2018. There was discussion about the pros and cons to both options, such as room to grow, volunteer parents willing to move to the school in the interim and how this affects staffing, transport, etc.

There was strong support for keeping GME open to all going forward and the consensus was that both options could be made to work by parents.

Proposals for Revised Placing Request Criteria (Paper 2a)

DM advised that there will be a formal Consultation coming on changing the criteria for placing requests. This affects GME because placing request criteria are used in the event of an over-subscription in GME and the proposal introduces “affiliation to GME” in the revised criteria. Discussion arose on how GCC plan to measure this Gàidhlig. Parents and the wider GME community were encouraged to engage in the Consultation process when it is launched.

Àrd Sgoil Catchment's (Paper 2b)

DM advised that GCC were also seeking to launch a Consultation on all Glasgow Secondary School catchments. There were no changes to SGG Àrd Sgoil in the proposal but parents were encouraged to engage with the Consultation process when it is launched.

5. Event Planning – rolled to next meeting 15th March 2018.

6. Anti-bullying/ RespectMe update – JF attended an anti-bullying workshop. JF, JB and AW, in conjunction with the school (DMcC & NMacI) agreed to set up a working group to revisit and update the school policy. PC members were encouraged to attend forthcoming social media and Resilience workshops with a view to cascade the workshop material out to parents.

7. Road Safety around SGG

A recent “hit and run” at Tron building on Berkeley St raised issues about safety around the school especially as the school roll is getting bigger. DM asked DMcC if she can contact the Road Safety Officer to be invited to the school and see the challenges. Equally FM offered to help if I can, in relation to parking issues around the school. DMcC has sent a text out to parents reminding about responsible parking around the school.

ACTION: DM / DMcC to write to GCC Road Safety to review as school roll is increasing

8. AOCB

SMacD advised that a parent had raised playtime healthy snacks. Some discussion about improving healthy snacks at school. All agreed to revisit this item at a future meeting.

DM thanked all for coming and the next meeting is on Thursday 15th March 2018 at 6.30pm.