

Comhairle Nam Parant / Parent Council
Sgoil Ghaidhlig Glaschu / Glasgow Gaelic School

Minutes

26th October 2017 @ 6.30pm

Present: Douglas Morrison (DM), Donalda McComb (DMcC), Nellie MacIntyre (NMacl), Pamela Graham (PG), Fiona MacIntyre (FMacl), Sara McDonald (SMcD), Judith Fisher (JF), Elaine MacLeod (EMacl), Kate Menzies (KM), Arlene Ward (AW), Lynne McDonald (LMcD).

Apologies: Bruce Whyte, Catriona Campbell, Siobhan Campbell, Joanne Bowman and Iain MacKinnon.

1. Welcome and Minutes of Previous Meeting 24th August 2017.

DM welcomed everyone to the meeting gave apologies. Following from the previous minutes:

DM met with Primary Playcare Ltd (PPLtd). However, since the meeting a change of personnel has occurred and DM will PPLtd contact once new Manager in place. FMacl advised that questionnaires had been handed to some parents of afterschool on behalf of the care commission.

The new School App will become permanent. Looking for increased uptake in the Àrd Sgoil.

Playground update – S3 pupils have been to visit Galgael to design a buddy bench for the playground. This has been very successful visit.

Minutes from the 24th August 2017 approved and PC agreed to publish the results of the GME Consultation carried as an Appendix.

2. Head Teachers Report

- Open days for prospective parents held - P1 enrolment occurs in November; it is online for the first time.
- Phonics Workshop started with NMacl.
- Current CDO vacancy in Sgoil Àraich remains unfilled.
- The Daily Mile has been rolled out to all pupils in P3 – P7.
- Bus Management – Children and the bus lines are currently being managed by senior management and 1 x PSA – Mr Hunter.
- The previous vacancy for a Ghaidhlig Teacher in the Àrd Sgoil has now been filled.
- SQA tool – Scholar has been launched and is an additional support in different subject for the pupils.
- S4 parents evening will take place next week.
- Mrs Campbell asked if she can apply for funds from the parent council to allow her to purchase a stock of school ties. The PC confirmed that if she sent in a request, that we should grant this.
- SGG hosted a successful visit it from the Secretary for Education, Mr John Swinney.
- Clerical Staff – Kenna Cunningham in the school office is leaving tomorrow. The PC expressed thanks for her dedication and service to SGG. A text has been sent out advising of the vacancy. There is a requirement for a Ghàidhlig speaker.
- Mod – Congratulations from the PC to a very successful Mod for SGG pupils. Mod ceilidh on 24th November in conjunction with St Andrews day.

- Edinburgh Comann nam Pàrant have invited DMcC and parents from Glasgow to a meeting in Edinburgh to share experience on GME. Donald-Iain Brown (former Chair of PC) accepted invite to talk on behalf of Glasgow GME parents.

3. GME Consultation

DM advised that an appendix will be attached to the minutes of the 24th August showing the results of our own survey monkey and view from parents in relation to the consultation of a third GME primary school.

GCC have concluded, because of a lack of parental support for Gowanbank, to postpone current GME expansion plans and seek to set up a short-life working group with parents and elected member of GCC to look for solutions for 2018 and beyond.

Action: DM to convene meeting with parent representatives from across GME provisions in Glasgow to look for consensus going forward

4. Playground / Eco Garden update

- KM supplied a quote for the Eco Garden to be cleared, new slabbing laid, a new gate for access, trees and shrubbery. If given the go ahead, then this could be potentially done before Christmas.
- KM asked DM to contact with DIY Donny contact and find out timescales etc. KM advised that he could help with the installation of decking and a shed or outdoor classroom seating.
- SMcD advised that we should try to source funding from other sources and she will look into a fund we can apply through Aviva.

**Actions: DMcC to look at Legacy Fund and School Fund to see if this is feasible.
DM to contact DIY le Donnie
SMcD to look at applications to Aviva fund**

5. Music and Drama Subgroup

2019 focus for a High School Choir. Music and Drama Subgroup trying to get parents on board to encourage children to participate in choir. Numbers are small at present. Possibility of taking a group of young people to Nova Scotia 2019. Engaging a traditional Ghàidhlig Singing tutor, similar to the tutors who come in for fiddle, accordion, bagpipes, would be beneficial.

Action: DM to contact An Lochran

6. AOCB

- JF raised concerned about bullying in Bun Sgoil. NMacl said she was aware of incidents, and the matter has been dealt with, however, clarified in the first instances the parents should contact her and make her aware of situations.
- SMcD confirmed that both Joanne and she attended an anti-bullying workshop and DM asked if they would come to the school and talk to parents. SMcD will look into this.
- P6/P7's have had workshops in relation to Social Media.
- Anti-Bullying week will take place in November.

DM thanked everyone for coming. The next meeting will be 7th December 2017 @ 6.30pm.