

COMHAIRLE NAM PÀRANT / PARENT COUNCIL
SGOIL GHÀIDHLIG GHLASCHU / GLASGOW GAELIC SCHOOL

MIONAIDEAN / MINUTES

27th October 2016 @ 6.30pm

Present: Donalda McComb (DMcC), Nellie MacIntyre (NMacl), Catriona Campbell (CC), Alison Ni Dhorchaidhe (AN'D), Elaine MacLeod (EMaCl), Fiona MacIntyre (FMacl), Douglas Morrison (DM), Kate Menzies (KM), Siobhan Campbell (SC), Sara McDonald (SMcD), Kathleen Morrison (KM) and Ursula Cox (UC).

Apologies: Bruce Whyte, Joanne Bowman, Deirdre O'Henley, Iain MacKinnon

1. Welcome

DM welcomed everyone to the meeting and advised of apologies. The minutes from previous meeting were accepted.

2. Report from Alison Ni Dhorchaidhe

Alison's role is to promote the use of Ghàidhlig outside of the classroom and into the wider community. Alison produced a report of activities throughout the last year and upcoming events.

Successful and continuing events include Ceic is Cabadaich, Trip to Harris and Lewis in July, Trip to Wales in April.

ACTION POINTS: DM asked for suggestion of how to communicate with the parents of students? Follow up website calendar / Parent Mail?

AN'D has asked for ideas from the students through survey monkeys, etc and has recently just completed and will collate the information.

CC suggested a payment book to help spread the cost over a set period of time (pick up in Cost of the School day)

3. HT Report

P1 enrolment starting from 7 – 21st November and another opportunity in January 2017.

NMacl advised P1 Phonics Workshop are underway as per the P1 homework Classes.

DMcC advised only one applicant for Primary Teacher. NMacl and Mairead Monk have been alleviating the issue but due to shortage of supply may get an English supply in the interim.

Maths in Àrd Sgoil continues to be an issue – shortage of Maths teachers in English and Gàidhlig.

Some S3 pupils attending Loch Eil trip next week.

Well done to all Mod Performers, especially the hard work achieved by the school choir. Special thanks goes to all parents and staff as well as Iseabail MacTaggart.

School Library – Only school with no Librarian.

Scottish Government announcement at the Mod of £700,000. There is a plan to upgrade SGG facilities to accommodate growing secondary, improve facilities and prepare a plan for a sports hall.

ACTION POINTS: DM to raise School library issues with GCPF and NPFS

All: Inform networks of opportunities in Primary and Maths.

4. Fundraising and Legacy

Christmas Fayre – Saturday 3rd December – donations, home baking, Tea Towels and Christmas Cards. Meeting on the 10th November to discuss all aspects. Text's sent to parents requesting help and homebaking.

ACTION POINTS: DM suggested small working group to forward fundraising for the School Playground.

DM suggested a relaunch of the Legacy Fund applications?

5. Update on GME engagement

Two events planned for 22nd and 28th November. All are encouraged to attend to feed into future GME provision in Glasgow.

6. AOCB

10 Years celebration of the Secondary School – to get pupils views, organise an event for past pupils, parents, etc. DM suggested that the the Parent Council Commission an archive as a pupil project – GME In Glaschu – and hoping to launch in February 2017.

Health and Wellbeing Event – to have a think for early in the New Year. SMcD advised she could handle this in the new year. Ideas for Topics/ Speakers – Mental Health, Managing Stress.

ACTION POINT: SMcD will liase with DMcC.

Buses leaving Playground in proximity to children – being monitored with SPT input.

Next Meeting : Thursday 1st December @ 6.30pm.