

COMHAIRLE NAM PARANT / PARENT COUNCIL

SGOIL GHAIHLIG GHLASCHU / GLASGOW GAELIC SCHOOL

Minutes

29mh An Damhair 2015 / 29th October 2015

Present: Bruce White (BW), Donalda McComb (DMcC), Nellie MacIntyre (NMacl), Rona MacDonald (RMacD), Joanne Bowman (JB), Fiona MacIntyre (FMacl), Pamela Graham (PG), Siobhan Campbell (SC), Lisa Thom (LT), Kate Menzies (KM), Dieirdre O’Henley (DOH), Nicola Craig (NC), Elaine MacLeod (EMaL), Ashleigh Edgar (AE).

Apologies: Douglas Morrison, Sara McDonald, Iain McKinnon, Martin McGregor, D K McPhee and David Robb.

1. Welcome and Introductions

BW welcomed everyone and as Vice Chair in Douglas’s absence today. We all introduced ourselves. BW advised that MMcG may have to resign from the Parent Council due to other commitments

2. Minutes and Matters Arising from Previous Meeting

BW asked if we agreed the Minutes from 4th June 2015. There were no Matters Arising.

3. Headteachers Report

3.1 DMcC advised that she will forward me a staffing email later. (I will update later).

3.2 The PT support for Learning post has been filled and the new appt – Maggie – who has a wealth of experience and has already made a difference.

3.3 Interviews will be taking place for Pupil Support Assistants for the total of 25 hours. There is a total of 7 Candidates.

3.4 Enrolment for P1’s takes place between the 9 – 13 November. Due to the new Gaelic School, we now have a catchment area, and as such instead of the parent attending there local school and then requesting a placing request, the child will be directly enrolled at SGG or Glendale school. DMcC advised that adverts have been placed at the gates, Facebook, social media sites, nurseries, etc. BW as well as SC suggested that we discuss this further at a future meeting.

3.5 The Primary Open Days have been and deemed to be successful. The Secondary Open day was today and questions where are asked from parents with children out with Glasgow in relation to the transition process from P7 to S1.

3.6 The Phonics Workshop for parents of P1 seemed to be well received and interested in more classes in the future.

3.7 S1 Curriculum night for parent was again deemed successful, the evening felt slightly rushed but on the whole very informative.

3.8 DMcC would like it noted that she is grateful to parents who have PVG who kindly help on a daily/ weekly basis with day trips, swimming for P6/P7's. Parents who have a PVG would be welcome as it allows these trips to happen and frees up teachers for other duties. DMcC may send out another request for Volunteers and a few of the parents at the meeting advised that they may be able to help.

3.9 RMcD would like it noted that the music teacher June Pearce has done well with learning Gaelic and her use of it in her classes.

3.10 The Playground has been resurfaced – so no more puddles.

3.11 Congratulations to all performers who took part at a very successful Mod in Oban. DMcC advised that the Mod will be in Glasgow in 2019 which happens to coincide with the Bun Sgoil's 20 year Anniversary. Iseabail MacTaggart is keen to help with setting up choirs with help from Alison Buchanan and other members of staff. DMcC advised a letter would be drafted in the future to hopefully set up at choirs aimed at two groups – p3/p4 and p5-p7.

4. Promotion of Physical Activity at the School

Following in the example of the Stirling school who won an award to have all children walk/run 1 mile a day and the decrease of obesity levels at the school, Iain and Calum, PE teachers from the Ard Sgoil have drafted up a 7 min warm up exercises to be done within each primary Class. Iain and Calum would like to attend a future meeting to discuss further. Iain sent an email to DMcC recently advising the the new S1's have the "lowest fitness levels yet". Iain advised that 1 mile equates to 12 laps of the red blaes pitch, however he did advise that the playground is larger and if it was lined, it could be useable too.

JB, EMacL and other parents advised of outside running clubs, cycling clubs that children could become involved in. A suggestion was made, that we could try and pull this information and try and feed it out through Facebook.

BW suggested and invite to Iain and Calum for a future meeting to discuss further.

5. Cost of the School Day Study

Research has taken place about child poverty and the cost per day. This included looking into school travel, free meals, non uniform day/charity days, school trips.

DMcC is aware of these issues and part of the reason why she tries to limit these through the school terms. She is aware the cost rises especially through the secondary school when there are increased school trips and cost of resources.

Ideas currently adopted by the school are homework clubs and access to the PC's in the library.

Re-circulating of uniforms.

6. Bord Na Ghaidhlig guidance on Gaelic education Consultation

Looking to get parents, teachers, pupils involved in the consultation process. RMcD requested that another separate meeting be set to discuss this in full. She suggested after Saturday club on Saturday 21/11/15 at 1pm.

RmcD and DmcC will discuss separately issues relating to teachers and she can bring this to the meeting.

This consultation is an opportunity to adopt clear guidelines and good practice across the whole of Scotland in relation to Gaelic Education.

7. AOCB

7.1 LT asked about setting up a sub committee for Disco's for the kids again. DMcC welcomed the idea as long as issues could be resolved in relation to numbers, signing in process and responsibilities and supervision at the time. LT advised that she had 40 parents interested in Discos.

7.2 SC would like to say thank you to all staff involved in the S3 trip recently, especially Mr Shand for camping out also and those involved with the Halloween Disco. DMcC advised for us to check out You Tube for annual video.

7.3 SC suggested setting up some links with the Glendale School. Suggestions included a family ceilidh.

7.4 Upcoming events and meetings

Ladies Schwopping Night on Friday 13/11/15 from 7 – 9.30 (BYOB and donations handed into the school office as per flyer).

Christmas Fayre – Saturday 5/12/15 10.30 – 12.30pm. Flyers went out in school bags today, asking parents if they can volunteer, donate or get a stall. A future meeting to discuss and organise further will be **Thurs 12/11/15 at 6pm.**

Consultation Meeting for Bord Na Ghaidhlig – Saturday 21/11/15 at 1pm. All welcome.

Adult Disco on Saturday 12/12/15 at St Vincent Bowling Club. More details to follow.

Spors Glaschu – AGM – all welcome on Thursday 12/11/15 from 6.30 – 8.30 (following on from Christmas Fayre Meeting – pop in if you can).

Next parent Council Meeting - Thursday 26/11/15.