

**Comhairle Nam Parant / Parent Council**  
**Sgoil Ghaidhlig Glaschu / Glasgow Gaelic School**  
**3<sup>rd</sup> October 2018 @ 6.30pm SGG**

**Minutes**

**Present:** Donalda McComb (DmcC), Douglas Morrison (DM), Catriona Chaimbeul (CC), Fiona MacIntyre (FMacI), Lynne McDonald (LMcD), Kate Menzies (KM), Graham Lynch (GL), Elaine MacLeod (EMacL), Sara MacDonald (SMacD), Arlene Ward (AW).

**Apologies:** Joanne Bowman, Iain MacKinnon, Siobhan Campbell and Judith Fisher, Pamela Graham.

**1. Welcome and Previous Minutes**

DM welcomed all to the meeting. The focus of this meeting is on the Ard Sgoil.

Action Points from Previous Meeting:-

- Police – revisit at another meeting later in the year or as required.
- Expressions – parents seems to be having ongoing issues getting access to the app.
- Venue for Welcome Ceilidh – Ceilidh has been and was hugely successful – thanks to KM and other parents for the organisation of it all with very short notice.  
DM to arrange a thank you note to be sent to the Tron Church, for accommodating us on the night.
- Glasgow City Parent Groups – minutes are available online.
- Dates of PC Meetings now on the app for the remainder of the school year.
- Annexe parents with Pamela Graham are holding a sub group meeting to discuss taking forward initiatives at the annexe.
- Organising of a gift for Bruce.
- Uniform Supplier Update – GL says he’s following up on suppliers but the school tartan is part of issue. Still ongoing and will update us at a later meeting.
- Minutes of 30<sup>th</sup> August 2018 have been accepted.

**2. HT Report**

Staffing

- Maths Teacher, Ghàidhlig Teacher and Music Teacher vacancies will soon be advertised
- SQA and appeals - CC advised that how the school appeals against marks given under SQA has changed into a 2 tier system. Tier 1 – Exceptional Circumstances and Tier 2 – Mark and Review.
- Successful information evening held for Àrd Sgoil with UCAS, Pathways, Skill Development Scotland, Glasgow University amongst others.
- MCR Pathways are in all GCC secondary schools - mentoring programme for young people.
- CC in conjunction with 45 business partners, conducted 160 mock interviews with S4/S5/S6 pupils over a two-day period – the business partners were very impressed by the young people. Thanks to CC and all who helped with this event.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Year Pupils are currently away to Loch Eil.

- Duke of Edinburgh run by Tina Sinclair – pupils started at bronze, then silver and now some pupils are looking to do the Gold award – this would involve a trip to possibly Tanzania.
- DMcC advised there was an information evening for parents about a trip to Kenya for at a cost of approx. £3500. AW advised the general feeling amongst families that the costs were prohibitive.
- Building Works – Piling works ongoing, however with little disruption to the school. DM raised possibility of a date in the diary for an Opening ceremony for the new building.
- Music & Drama Sub Group have changed their name to the Music Group.
- Sharon Anderson was asking if the Glasgow Gaels Shinty Team fall under the Parent Council Liability Insurance? DM advised No, but because of the connection to the school, they should be able to get a discount rate from SPTC/Connect insurance scheme.
- SGG Annexe –meeting at SGG on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> October at 6.30pm to discuss annexe and Christmas Fayre.

### 3. Improving Gàidhlig Fluency across the SGG Community

Action Point: Moved to future meeting – DMcC advised a focus on homework for Bunsgoil to be discussed.

### 4. Large Blaes Pitch –scope for re-development

Mr David McEwan (GCC Estates) has previously advised that the blaes pitch may be under the Education portfolio. DM raised the idea of the PC applying to GCC Stalled Spaces fund to undertake improvements. Action Point: DM asked KM if she could contact Colin Anderson to see what some general improvement works might cost.

### 5. AOCB

- DM advised in conjunction with FMacI, that PC interviewed for fiddle tutors. Two offers were made – Mr Adam Sutherland for the Àrd Sgoil and Mrs Fiona Hamilton for SGG Annexe. DM thanked FMacI and Mrs MacEachern for organising this.
- SMacD asked if we could employ a Gàidhlig solo singer to offer something similar for traditional music. DM suggested that the Legacy fund could be used to start it off and see what uptake we have. Action Point: DMcC and CC will discuss with the music department and try to have more of a focus on traditional music.
- DM attended a meeting with the Deputy First Minister, Mr John Swinney regarding the Education Reforms. The DFM was clear that he expects to see reforms in the GME sector as well as the EME sector. He offered to facilitate a meeting with Education Scotland regarding the role of GME in the RIC structure.  
There was also some discussion about ongoing support from Scottish Government for GCC about funding for expanded GME provision in Glasgow. The DFM was keen to find ways to support the continued growth of GME in Glasgow and his officials are continuing to talk to GCC about options.

Next Parent Council Meeting is Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> November 2018 @ 6.30pm