

COMHAIRLE NAM PARANT / PARENT COUNCIL
SGOIL GHAIHDLIG GLASCHU / GLASGOW GAELIC SCHOOL

MINUTES

3rd March 2016

Present: Fiona MacIntyre (FMacI), Johanne Bowman (JB), Pamela Graham (PG), Douglas Morrison (DM), Donalda McComb (DMcC), Bruce Whyte (BW), Catriona Campbell (CC), Nellie MacIntyre (NMacI), Paul Liddell (PL), Ann Marie Allan (AMA), Marie Craig (MC), Iain MacKinnon (IMacK), Ilse Alim (IA), Shona Fisher (SF), Mark Craig (MKC), Elaine MacLeod (EMacL), Deirdre O’Henley (DO’H), Siobhan Campbell (SC), Rona McDonald (RMcD), David Robb (DR), Kathleen MacLeod (KMacL), Fiona Carter (FC), David Sutherland (DS) and Sara McDonald (SMcD).

1. Welcome and Apologies

DM welcomed all to the meeting and thanked everyone for coming.
There were no apologies for the meeting.

2. Minutes and matters arising from Previous Meeting

No Matters arising

DM thanked FMacI on the quick turn around on the previous meeting.

BW pointed out the spelling of the Councilor Bolton is actually Councillor Eva Bolander in point 6.3 in previous minutes – **FMacI has updated this.**

DM advised that due to holiday weekend, her surgery was cancelled.

3. Head Teachers Report

Staffing – DMcC meeting with HR tomorrow. Fixed term and probationer teachers are involved in interviews. School reference and interview is graded. Teachers will either be recommended for a permanent post or placed on the supply list.

Our current Home Economics Teacher is transferring to another school and DMcC wanted it noted she wished her well. In the meantime, DMcC has managed to secure another Home Economics teacher for 2 days a week up to Easter and a retired Home Economics teacher is able to do 1 day a week

Bunsgoil –

NMacI is organising the 2nd p1 phonic workshop - information to follow.

Choir Development has been well received by parents and thanks to Iseabail McTaggart who is giving her time to support along with key school staff.

World Book Day celebration started today and will continue tomorrow and is an ideal opportunity to get the Parent Council more involved – **for a future meeting**

Letters out to parents looking for volunteers to train for bikeability/pedals.

Well done to both primary and secondary pupils who took part in cross country. Follow twitter for more updates.

Glasgow Skye Concert.

International Mother Language Day with the Bangla Centre and our 16 year collaboration brought about a lovely day with a lot of parents and children taking part. DM suggested using some legacy money to purchase a proper amp and mics – **for at future meeting**

Ardsgoil –

AS2 Pathways evening and Parent's night.

S5/S6 2016 – 2017 Pathways evening

Tracking of prelim results / planning of supported study over Easter period. Promotion to pupils to use Scholar to which all pupils have logins/passwords for access.

CC advised that there is up to date information in relation to SQA and the Gaelic language qualifications for Eachdraidh/History and Cruinn Eolas/Geography. Questions have been asked how papers are marked in relation to answering the paper. CC advised that if the pupil answers the Eachdraidh paper in English, then they will be awarded an award in History. The occasional English phrase or word used would be acceptable in comparison to answering the paper for the most part in English. Answering in Gaelic especially if a young person has been studying Eachdraidh will show they have answered the paper in another language and still understand the History/Geography involved.

Primary/Secondary involved in the Language Show Live on the 11th/12th March.

Also remember the Spring Concert – Tuesday 8th March 2016.

SGG held a launch of recent Athletics Meet at the Emirate Stadium. Two world class athletes were available for a pupil Q & A sessions.

Every Secondary school is to be allocated a school business partner. DMcC and CC have met with Craig Vickery, head of ACCA – and accountancy. More information in the near future.

4. P1 intake – update

DM and DR have been invited to attend a meeting on the 16th March 2016 with Glasgow City Council's Education Director Maureen McKenna and Bord Nam Ghàidhlig to discuss the ongoing issues in relation to the P1 intake for both SGG and SGD. Discussion followed focusing on issues of capacity, catchment, future provision, GME teachers. Agreed that more facts are needed regarding capacity and workforce planning.

ACTION: Invite HR Manager to future Parent Council meeting. BW will populate some GME figures for the next meeting.

5. Anti Bullying – for future meeting

6. GIRFEC – Getting it Right For Every Child

This is in relation to new legislation in regards to the named person, child plan, support etc. DMcC suggesting leaving this till the next school year or DM suggested maybe a separate open meeting and inviting getting the National parent Forum involved - for future meeting

7. Communications

Volunteers for a Newsletter, both FC and SF said that they would be willing to help.

DMcC and NMacl had a meeting with Gateway in relation to the website and has such they have begun streamlining. DMcC asked BW if he could get someone to add links for Spors.

8. AOCB

BW suggested inviting the HR Manager to next meeting and BW will populate some figures for the next meeting.

Date of next meeting is Thursday 21st April 2016 at 6.30pm.