

Comhairle nam Pàrant / Parent Council

Sgoil Ghàidhlig Ghlaschu / Glasgow Gaelic School

Minutes

25th April 2019 @ 6.30pm

Present: Fiona MacIntyre (FMacI), Graham Lynch (GL), Siobhan B Campbell (SC), Helen Stewart (HS), Catriona Chaimbeul (CC), Johanne Bowman (JB), Aileen Scott (AS), Donalda McComb (DMcC), Douglas Morrison (DM) and Lynne McDonald.

Apologies: Iain MacKinnon, Kate Menzies, Sara MacDonald and Judith Fisher.

1. Welcome and previous minutes

DM welcomed everyone to this meeting.

Action Points from previous minutes –

1.1 School Uniform – DMcC confirmed that polo shirts do not require to have the school crest on them. She confirmed that the Kilt and the Blazer is an optional extra and is not pivotal to the school uniform. DM suggested that this updated information be put out to all parents through the app, the school handbook, etc.

Schoolwear Made Easy has committed to look at issues relating to the products they sell and work with us.

Action Point: DM to summarise discussion and actions going forward with intention of making available to all parents / guardians – text to be checked with Schoolwear Made Easy.

1.2 Primary Health Week – a letter will go out to parents nearer the time looking for volunteers to get involved.

1.3 Funding request – This request has been denied as it was not clear that there was any direct benefit for GME or the School – the pupil has been informed.

1.4 Afterschool Provision at the Govan Annexe – Òganan has visited the new site and with checks with the care commission, Òganan will start provision from August 2019.

Minutes from the previous meeting approved.

Minutes from the EGM – DM asked all PC members to look over the changes to the Parent Council Constitution and advise by Monday 29th April if we all agreed to the changes.

2. HT Report

DMcC updated about an article on STV and other media outlets relating to use of photographs of pupils, lifted possibly from school social media streams on websites that are

linked to paedophile networks. DMcC advised that she has taken a lead from GCC and all parents should have received a statement from GCC.

Discussion and suggestions around appropriate and safe use of social media streams took place. DM asked how do we raise awareness across the school – to include Parents, children and teachers?

SQA underway. Easter Supported Study was well attended and secondary teachers came in during school holidays to oversee this. Staff will make time for any pupil who wishes extra help and this will be available over the next 4 weeks.

European Elections are taking place on Thursday 23/05/19. Both the primary and secondary school will be closed on this day. There is no exam on this day.

3. Upgrade of Blaes Pitch – Funding Sources

DM is looking for volunteers to source funding for redevelopment of the red blaes pitch. Stalls Space fund can allocation funding for up to £4500.

Dennis Law Foundation – however stipulations, may mean that has a school we won't be able to achieve this – stipulation is that the area would need to be available to the local community 24/7, but has a school, we can't grant that permission has the area would be required within the school day.

DMcC suggested if we fundraised £5000, and then matched it from the legacy fund, we can do what we required to the space, however, concerns that GCC will not allow community access to the area.

Action Point: SC and LMCD will look into possible funding ideas and feedback to DM.

4. GME 20 years / Opening of New Sports Hall.

School Summer Fayre on Friday 31st May 2019 5-8pm – Fundraising committee has put a flyer out on facebook and will be sent to all requesting volunteers and the purchasing of tickets.

New Sports hall – DMcC has asked staff for suggestions - lots of sports achievements over the years to use to celebrate opening.

SC suggested that the parents acknowledge the teacher/staff – past and present for all the hard work over the years.

DMcC invited a company to come and they have produced a booklet about the story of the school, the history of the crest and how our ethos weave their way through the school.

5. Music Sub Group

FMacl advised that a request for parent volunteers has been ignored over a number of months putting music provision in some jeopardy. DM with DMcC suggested that the role of the parent helper be removed and that a single parent would oversee the tutors in the

school for contracts, interviewing for positions, organisation of concerts. Contracts and invoicing should be the responsibility of the paid tutor. DM will try to come along to the Music PC meeting on Monday 29th April 2019. **Actions Point: FM will send a copy of the contract between the school and tutor and the contract between parent and tutor.**

6. GME Provision in Glasgow

Following the last Gaelic Medium working group meetings GCC are keen to push forward on options to continue to expand GME in Glasgow. PC agreed to invite Maureen McKenna along to the next council meeting to discuss the findings of the short life working group to engage with parents on the shape of future provision.

Suggestions for ways to engage families:

GL suggested that we organise to video the children, teachers and parents about life at the annexe and how they felt before the annexe opened, and how they feel now they are at the annexe and what their thoughts are about the new annexe at Govan?

Action Point: DM will invite Maureen McKenna to next meeting

7. AOCB

No further business

Next Parent Council Meeting is Thursday 30th May 2019 at 6.30pm