

**MINUTES OF COMHAIRLE NAM PARANT / MINUTES OF PARENT COUNCIL**

**SGOIL GHAIHLIG GHLASCHU / GLASGOW GAELIC SCHOOL**

**COINNEAMH CHOITCHEANN BHLIADHNAIL / ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

**30<sup>th</sup> AN T-SULTAIN 2015 / 30<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2015**

**1. Welcome, Present and Apologies**

Present: Douglas Morrison (DM), Joanne Bowman (JB), Rona MacDonald (RMacD), Martin McGregor (MMacG), Iain MacKinnon (IMacK), Bruce White (BW), Donalda McComb (DMcC), Nellie MacIntyre (NMacI), Mo Staggs (MS), Pamela Graham (PG), Elaine MacLeod (EMacL), Sarah Macdonald (SMacD), Dierdre O'Henley(DOH), Siobhan Campbell (SC), Steven Anderson (SA) and Iseabail MacTaggart (IMacT).

No Apologies.

DM welcomed everyone to our Annual General Meeting this evening and advised that there was some Cheese and Wine to follow. He welcomed the new parents who came along this evening.

**2. Minutes and Matters Arising from 2014 AGM**

The new Facebook page, set up and updated by RMacD has been up and running and is a good way of receiving information and passing information to parents within the school. Thanks to RMacD

Website – We have priced and received costing for a new website and how to update, however, this is something that will be actioned in the next parent council meeting as we have had new volunteers with a website backgrounds, so they maybe a better option in the long term.

The Ard-Sgoil continues to grow its links with Glasgow University Celtic and Gaelic Development and Catriona Campbell and Fiona Dunn are still in contact with each other. DMcC advised that although it seemed successful, DMcC advised that she was open to stretching the links to other departments within Glasgow University and maybe be able to offer possible work experience to pupils in the future.

**ACTION: DM will to invite Fiona Dunn to a future parent council meeting to discuss further.**

The ongoing issues in relation to Teachers and GME will continue and will always be an issue. DMcC advised 4 good teachers left the Bun Sgoil at the end of the summer term and although they have a full complement of teaching staff, there is no supply teachers available if required in GME. Glasgow City Council have surveyed its employees to see if there are any persons who have Gaelic and can serve the school, not only has teachers, but support staff also. Bord Na Ghaidlig (BnG) visited the Parent Council and DM has sent letters but so far has received no response.

**ACTION: DM will at the next meeting formulate another letter to be sent for further information.**

**Minutes from AGM 2014 – Approved.**

### **3. Head Teacher's Report**

Ard Sgoil – DMcC gave out a Handout in relation to a virtual programme called “Insight”. This would give us information about how the school is achieving if we had other schools who have a similar set up. As no schools exist, this is virtual. However, DMcC advised that the tables advising of Attainment in S4, S5 and S6 in comparison to other Glasgow City Council means that we have a high attainment overall.

DMcC advised that she had been interviewing for a Part Time Support for Learning Post. The interviews were successful and an external candidate was offered the post. However, no names as yet, as dates to commence have not been finalised.

Since August 2014, we have had a librarian working in the school one day a week. However, the librarian approached DMcC 3 weeks ago to advise that Glasgow Life will move her. As yet, she has not received confirmation as to when, however, DMcC has contacted Maureen McKenna to advise that this would be detrimental to the school. DM will contact Maureen McKenna to see if something can be worked out.

### **4. Report on Work of the Parent Council (Chair)**

HMIE Report – the report was badly written in conjunction with changes that HMIE would like to bring into the future. We are still awaiting a response from the HMIE what these changes will be.

Glendale School - Although new school in 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor of current school, the approximate date for the opening of the new school may be March 2016 at the present time.

Legacy Fund – We have had a few successful applications and has such a blue mini bus was purchased and has since become a valuable resource within the school. Applications will be accepted from Parents, Teachers, pupils and bodies connected to the school.

Social Activities – we have had a successful social evening and hope to continue after the success of it. More ideas are required and assistance would equally be valued.

Fundraising Initiatives – MS advised that we have approx. 800 families in the school. With the fundraising it is handy to have funds ready for simple things like tea and coffee at school events. There is currently £3000 in the account.

The 100 club has been successful in raising £800 for the school, with a £50 main prize and £16 second prize per month.

There is to be a silent auction – parents will offer prizes and bids will be offered in return. There has been about 20 -25 donations at present, but uptake has been small at present.

We require more help in organising; events are supported by a limited number of parents. Most fundraising comes from the primary school and little from the secondary school. MS asked DM for the emails collated at the meet the parents evenings, however due to Data Protection, DM advised that someone in the Parent Council would need to administer this.

**ACTION: BW volunteered to do this.**

## **5. Financial Report (Treasurer)**

As per JB report, there is currently £2653.25 in the bank account. A total of £1729.30 has been spent on numerous items as detailed in the report. Thanks Joanne.

JB asked about ring fencing funds for the new Website, however, this will be discussed in a future PC meeting.

## **6. Confirmation of New Parent Members**

New members who joined the Parent Council are

Pamela Graham, Elaine MacLeod, Sarah Macdonald, Deirdre O'Henley and Siobhan Campbell.

DK MacPhee stepped down from the Parent Council. DM thanked DK for his contribution over many years. He has agreed to serve as a co-opted member.

## **7. Co-opted Members**

DK McPhee was co-opted on to the parent council because of his central role for Gaelic Development within Glasgow City Council.

**ACTION: DM will advise DK.**

## **8. Election of Office Bearers**

Chair Person – Douglas Morrison (Seconded by Bruce White)

Treasurer – Joanne Bowman (Seconded by Fiona MacIntyre)

Secretary – Fiona MacIntyre (Seconded by Martin McGregor)

## **9. AOCB**

BW advised that Spors Glaschu would take place at SGG on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2015 at 10.30am. All Welcome.

Suggestion to include and highlight events that occur over the school year at Meet the Teachers evenings.

**Next AGM 21<sup>st</sup> September 2016.**