

Comhairle Nam Parant / Parent Council

Sgoil Ghaidhlig Ghlaschu / Glasgow Gaelic School

Minutes

28th February 2019 at 6.30pm

Present: Donalda McComb (DMcC), Catriona Chaimbeul (CC), Douglas Morrison (DM), Fiona MacIntyre (FMaI), David Sutherland (DS), Sara Macdonald (SMacd), Ian MacKinnon (IMacK), Graham Lynch (GL), Kate Menzies (KM), Siobhan Campbell (SC), Arlene Ward (AW), Judith Fisher (JF), Lynne McDonald (LMcD) and Aileen Scott (AS).

Apologies: Johanne Bowman.

1. Welcome and Previous Meetings.

DM welcomed everyone to this Ard Sgoil focused meeting.

Matters arising from previous meeting are below: -

Vehicle Idling is still ongoing. Buses seem to be adhering, but taxis are continuing to flout the issue. DMcC will contact Raymond Murdoch and ask him to be in attendance at school finishing time to try and resolve this issue.

MOD 2019 – Local/National Mod committee are working towards the events. GLPS twilight sessions and they now have a list of schools who wish to participate. These participants won't be able to compete, but the committee will ensure that they will have an opportunity to perform.

Cashless Payments – DMcC advised that a SNAG group will need to be looked into at a future meeting and raise the profile of fruit and veg. JF suggested that pupils get the opportunity to visit Dumfries House, so children know where/how fruit/veg is grown.

Minutes from previous meeting approved.

2. HT Report

- DMcC gave an update on staffing
- Prelims are now complete for all S4, S5 and S6. Tracking has now begun to ensure that the young people are getting the support they need.
- DMcC asked for feedback on “show my homework” app – some discussion on roles and responsibilities. Generally seen as a positive tool.
- DMcM advised of Parents Evening's coming up

- Pupil success across the school, including Athletics, Netball, Speech Writing, UK Maths Challenge and winning 2 awards at the Scottish Education Awards. Everybody congratulated pupils on their successes.
- Building works @ Kent Road ongoing and asking parents to be mindful if collecting children.

3. Curriculum AS Presentation and discussion on Consultation.

DMcC gave a presentation about Pathways and how this affects a GME school. Consideration was made in relation to what subjects are offered. A major issue is staffing. Some discussion around Learner Pathways and Broad General Education.

CC provided a presentation about Partnerships with other schools / colleges / businesses / Foundation Apprenticeships

Sabhal Mor Ostaig are now offering Childcare and Education in GME partnership with pupils attending placements in local nurseries.

MCR Pathways.

The discussion fed into the response drafted by IMacK to the Scottish Parliaments Education and Skills Committee inquiry into narrowing of subject choice in secondary.

Action Point: IMacK and DM to finalise the consultation response highlighting impacts on GME.

4. Fundraising / Partnership with Parents (AS)

Tesco – they have funding of £3000 - £30,000. Tell us about a project we want to do, apply to them. CC will send out a communication to all asking for ideas/projects.

What can the Ard Sgoil do?

SC suggested that S6 parents should have a leaving evening from the school.

SC – S1 parents organise a race night?

SC – what are we raising funds for? DMcC suggested Sports Kit as we have the new sport hall being built.

A suggestion was made to challenge each year group or houses to come up with an event/fundraiser and have them compete against each other to raise funds.

5. AOCB

- a. **School Uniform Survey** – GL advised the results will be sent to Colin of Schoolwear Made Easy and invite him along to the next meeting.
- b. **P1 standardised Assessments** – CC suggested and DMcC agreed that P1's are disadvantaged as children are only beginning to learn the language so they don't have the adequate skills to be able to complete the assessment.

DM advised regardless of the type of school, the government are pushing to introduce this. DMcC suggested that talking and listening would be a better assessment in p1 rather than reading and writing. The discussion fed into a response drafted by LMCD to a call for views from an independent committee looking at standardised assessments

Action Point: LMCD and DM to finalise and submit response to inquiry team looking at standardised assessments.

- c. DM asked for the Parent Council to call an EGM prior to the next full PC meeting to discuss ratification of changes to the Parent Council Constitution after two rounds of engagement with the Parent Forum. Two weeks' notice is required and papers will be made available with the EGM call. All agreed to call the EGM for this purpose.

Next Meeting - Thursday 28th March 2019 @7.00pm

EGM meeting will be held at 6.30pm (rolled over from previous meeting).