

Comhairle Nam Parant / Parent Council

Sgoil Ghaidhlig Ghlaschu / Glasgow Gaelic School

17th January 2019 @6.30pm SGG

Minutes

Present: Donalda McComb (DMcC), Donna Bowman (DB), Nellie MacIntyre (NMacl), Douglas Morrison (DM), Johanne Bowman (JB), Fiona MacIntyre (FMacl), Graham Lynch (GL), Pamela Graham (PG), Emma Bolger (EB), Iain MacKinnon (IMacK), Aileen Scott (AS), Sharon Anderson (SA), Elaine MacLeod (EMacl), Lynne McDonald (LMcD), Arlene Ward (AW), Andrew Saul (ASaul), Sara MacDonald (SMacD).

Apologies: Judith Fisher and Siobhan Campbell.

1. Welcome and Previous Minutes

DM welcomed everyone back after Christmas and New Year. The minutes of the previous meeting (8th November 2019) were approved.

2. HT Report

DB / NMacl gave an update on the new homework tasks and feedback from teachers, pupils and parents. A questionnaire has been produced to gather parental/pupils views.

DMcC thanked DM for advising of the donation of scientific equipment from the University of the West of Scotland.

DMcC advised she was contacted by a new resident of the local community – Catherine Walker – who was looking for ideas to make the school and surrounding areas to be part of the local community and also looking to change the use of the Red Blaes pitch.

Action Point: DM will invite Catherine Walker and local councillors to a future meeting to discuss possible uses for the pitch and how it could incorporate the local community.

3. Vehicle Idling Outside School

A local resident had made a complaint to the school about vehicles parked but with their engines continually running. DMcC has contacted the SPT to make them aware, also she has contacted GCC who have enforcement officers who can fine vehicle for idling. GCC attended the school one afternoon, but no idling was present that day.

Action Point: 1. Parent Council members asked to filter out through contacts that you can be fined for vehicle idling and the preference is to turn off your engine whilst waiting at the school. 2. Invite Community Police Officer to attend the school at end of school day.

4. Annexe Update

DB advised that some of the playground painting is wearing off and looking to renew this in the spring time.

Cartvale update – A letter was sent out advising that the education department were ahead of schedule. The anticipation is that they will start to transfer equipment over in June. The Govan Annexe is due to have a full playground resurface, replacement of some windows

and a MUGA upgrade to the current red blaes surface. There will be an opportunity for both the children and parents to visit the school before transferring over in August 2019. After discussion, DM to invite the afterschool provider Oganan to provide after-school provision at the Govan Annexe.

DB advised that the children have chosen the colour palette for the Govan Annexe.

EMacL asked if the annexe would ever become a standalone school? DM advised that this would require a Statutory Consultation under the Education legislation and that GCC are thinking about how this fits into the future provision framework for GME in the City. The preference would be to have one Statutory Consultation that covers all future provision for GME in Glasgow.

5. Uniform Supplier Update

GL & DM have organised a survey to gather parent forum view on the current Uniform Supplier. Credit Note- Schoolwear Made Easy have applied credits to Hoodies purchased by secondary pupils, but neither the school office nor DMcC have been aware of this credit note. DM suggested that with this credit, school should purchase a stock of school ties. SMacD asked if we could about alternative suppliers. Schoolwear Made Easy have advised that the price of Polo shirts have increased from £14.95 to £16.95.

Action Point: 1. Survey Monkey went live tonight (17/01/19). 2. DM will invite Colin (Managing Director) of Schoolwear Made Easy to a PC meeting in March.

6. Mod 2019

Mod Ceilidh was very well attended and very successful. Some discussion about increasing pupil participation ensued. DMcC advised there are the main events and proposed new events/competitions. Every event will take place at the Royal Concert Hall in conjunction with the Piping Centre. A twilight session has been organised for teachers across the city to find out more about the Mod and what is involved.

Action Point: DM will ask the Local Mod Committee to come along to the meeting.

7. Celebration of 20 years of Bunsgoil Ghaidhlig in Glasgow

The Bun Sgoil is 20 years old in August 2019, DMcC would like activities to involve the whole of 2019.

Action Point: DMcC to set up events committee for 20th commemoration.

8. Improving Fruit & Veg Intake

Judith Fisher sent a document in relation to school meals and how to increase the intake of fruit and veg. DMcC advised that GCC have a policy document and that each school should have a SNAG group, DMcC is looking to set one up. Some discussion on the possibility of a cashless system for lunch monies took place. Ideas were also sought across the PC on how to improve fruit and veg uptake in the school. **Action Point:** DMcC to explore SNAG group and cashless payment system for canteen.

9. AOCB

Education Scotland – DM updated on a meeting that took place in December with Education Scotland about the place of GME in the Regional Improvement Collaborative structure.

Next meeting - **Thursday 28th February 2019 at 6.30pm @ SGG**, the focus will be the Ard Sgoil. DM has advised that we need to Propose to the Constitution Change and an Extraordinary General Meeting (EGM) will take place on Thursday 28th February 2019 at 6.25pm. This will be advertised to all at least 2 weeks before this meeting takes place.