

Comhairle Nam Pàrant / Parent Council

Sgoil Ghàidhlig Ghlaschu / Glasgow Gaelic School

Minutes

30th May 2019 @ 6.30pm

Present: Fiona MacIntyre (FMacI), Judith Fisher (JF), Kate Menzies (KM), David Sutherland (DS), Graham Lynch (GL), David Wood (DW), Sarah MacKinnon (SMacK), Lynne McDonald (LMacD), Catriona Chaimbeul (CC), Arlene Ward (AW), Nellie MacIntyre (NMacI), Donna Bowman (DB), Iain MacKinnon (IMacK), Sara MacDonald (SMacD), Eamonn Rodgers (ER), Donalda McComb (DMcC), Douglas Morrison (DM) and Johanne Bowman (JB).

In Attendance: Mrs Maureen McKenna, Executive Director of Education, Glasgow City Council.

Apologies: Elaine MacLeod and Siobhan Campbell

1. Welcome

DM welcomed everyone to the last Parent Council Meeting before the end of the summer term.

2. Next Steps for GME Provision In Glasgow

DM introduced Mrs Maureen McKenna (MK), executive Director of Education, Glasgow City Council.

MK thanked the Parent Council for her invite to the meeting. The following summarises the points of discussion:

- MK discussed the legislation behind moving the SGG Annexe in Govan to a standalone primary school and the projected timescales (standalone by August 2020 is preferred option meaning formal consultation in early 2019).
- MK confirmed that the Govan Annexe has current capacity for 12 classrooms with the potential for additional space in the environs of the building for further expansion.
- The building at the rear of the site will be demolished to build a new Sgoil Araich, proposed for August 2020.
- MK discussed the vision for the future of GME to include a smaller primary on Berkeley St to allow for high school expansion. With current expansion of housing around the city, the next site for a GME primary in Glasgow should be in the East End. A currently empty school building (the old St James' Primary School) at Gallowgate has been identified as a potential site. GCC own the site and the school has 12 teaching spaces with room to build an extension for a Gym Hall. A timescale of establishing this provision in the period 2022 -2024 was preferred.
- MK indicated the need to find funding so timescale matched delivery schedule.

Those present were able to examine plans for the site and a Q&A session followed.

The overall view of those present was that this was a positive initiative for GME in Glasgow.

DM closed the Q&A session once all had an opportunity to contribute and thanked MK for her attendance at PC.

3. Previous Minutes

School Uniform – DM circulated document to capture earlier discussion with school uniform supplier with a view to sharing to all parents. PC will pick up at the next meeting in August – October period to assess if the situation has improved.

Security of the pictures in the media – a police officer has been involved and looking for volunteers to be involved in a workshop to show how easy private information can be obtainable through the internet.

JF asked if we had a campus officer - this may be something we look at in the future but there is a cost implication and the secondary has still a relatively small roll.

Blaes Pitch Update – LMacD has agreed to look for funding opportunities and will share the link with DM. Shared Spaces is another funding idea.

4. HT Report

SGG branding – Creative Cell – to improve communication and the digital presence of the school across Twitter, school app, etc. Creative cell looked at the crest and how it has developed and how to move forward. DMcC will pass this out across the school.

Inductions of the Govan Annexe will take place on 19th June from 5.30-6.30pm – to allow parents to visit the school before it opens.

The annexe will close two days earlier for summer break to allow teachers to pack up the Ladywell campus and move to the Govan Annexe.

The new Gym Hall is due to be completed and handed over in the middle of July 2019.

5. AOCB

FM advised she received a quote to purchase two reconditioned Hohner Accordions (one for SGG and One for the Annexe) – Quote sent to DMcC to allow to place an order.

Mental Health Parent Forum – this will be developed further and be added to the School Improvement Plan and staff members being trained across schools.

DM thanked everyone for coming along this evening and wished everyone a happy summer holidays and see us all in the new School Term.