

**Sgoil Ghaidhlig Ghlaschu – Coinneamh Chomhairle na Parant – 26 Maigh 2011.  
Glasgow Gaelic School - Parent Council Meeting – 26<sup>th</sup> May 2011**

**Present:** 25 Parent Forum Members were present

**Parent Council Members:** D I Brown (Chair), Bruce Whyte, Iain MacKinnon, Margaret McGrath, Donalda McComb (Head Teacher)

**In attendance:** Alastair Henderson – Glasgow City Council, Transport

Dh'fhosgail D-I Brown a choinneamh agus chuir e failt air a h-uile duine.  
D- I Brown opened the meeting and welcomed everyone to the meeting.

**Apologies**

Morna Cowie; Rona Macdonald; Andy Murray

**School Transport**

Alasdair Henderson from Glasgow City Council came along to explain the changes that would be taking place in relation to school transport.

He outlined that SGG has a bespoke service since the inception of the school, but that this was unsustainable, both financially and in relation to the number of busses that now had to park up at the school, morning & afternoon. The school roll was also growing and as such, alternative arrangements had to be found.

For those people that are currently have “The Westend Bus Service” – this is what the future service for all will be like. Basically, hub points along a specified journey where people will be asked to take their children to, in order to be picked up and vice-a-versa in the afternoons for drop off.

Kent Road will have a bus stance so that busses can stop for a period of time and the children will have no need to cross any roads. Pavements will be widened and heightened to allow children ease of access and egress.

**Why now?**

Well P1 is looking like an intake of excess of 70 and therefore, school roll is continuing to be sustained. Bespoke service can't be with this number of increase year-on-year.

**ASL (Additional Support for Learning)**

If anyone has an ASL child, they will continue to be picked up from their door and special arrangements will be made in these cases.

**Distances and time on busses**

No one is planned to be on a bus for more than an hour – this is a Care Commission guideline

Distance from home to pick up point will not exceed:

Primary – 1.2 miles

Secondary – 2.2 miles

Alastair and colleagues are trying to make this less, if possible

### **Behaviour on busses**

This was discussed in some detail – salient points are:

- Schools are not responsible for behaviour on busses – this is the responsibility of **parents**. School will be informed of issues and will address these to parents – and if bad behaviour continues, child can be excluded from the school bus service.
- A Charter for bus behaviour was discussed and something that the majority of attendees felt would be a good thing to develop, by children, parents and school.

How will people know?

Letters will be sent by GCC to homes detailing the new provision.

Issues to be addressed to Alastair Henderson and team, not to the school.

### **Pitch update:**

- Completion date now scheduled for October
- 3G surface and not sand as intimated (Update since meeting)
- Parents unhappy with this completion date
- Issues about the length and breadth of the pitch

**Action: D-I Brown to write to Gil Carruth**

### **Head teacher's report**

6 Pupil support assistant posts have been advertised and interviews will be held in early June. Those appointed will start in August.

#### Primary

P1 induction day has been held. There will be 70 in P1 next year.

3 more Primary teachers will be needed and these posts will be advertised on Friday.

Next year's pupil numbers in the primary will rise to 384 across 15 classes.

#### Secondary

Induction days for P7/S1 transition have been held. Next year there will be 28 pupils in S1 and 189 pupils in total in the secondary. This will raise the total roll in the school from pre-school upwards to 633.

Due to more pupils choosing higher PE, the school can appoint another part-time Gym Teacher (0.4 FTE). The school exams have been held in the dance studio this year, but with growing classed will be held in the assembly hall next year, meaning it will be unavailable for PE for 4 ½ weeks in the summer term.

Gaelic and chemistry standard grades were held on the same day which is not ideal.

There is a S3-S5 trip to France and an Iceland trip organised with Hillhead Secondary. Older pupils will be spending time on university and college experience courses at Glasgow University in June.

One 5<sup>th</sup> year pupil has been accepted on a Strathclyde University Space School course, another has been accepted onto a Tall Ship trip and another is going to Beijing to learn Mandarin.

A group of three S2 pupils have been short-listed for a Celebration of Engineering and Science award. One of only three schools to be short listed.

#### Communications

Parents will be offered the option of being informed of events, etc at the school by email.

#### **Quality Review**

The draft report has come out and the school will respond to this now. The report will go to the Education Leadership Committee on 8<sup>th</sup> June. A summary report for parents will come out later. The Quality review report will form the basis of a new improvement plan for the school for next year.

The *focus for development* will include:

- a review of the vision and aims of the school
- a review of practice for support and learning
- upskilling of staff
- strengthening of pupil voice e.g. consulting more with
- development of GME across the school

*Strengths* highlighted by the report include:

- fluency of pupils
- attainment
- breadth of cultural opportunities

#### **Consultation Day:**

There was a limited discussion of the aims of the day and encouragement that parents send in ideas about the issues that should be discussed. There was a preference expressed for a single day event focusing on the whole school. Details would be sent to parents prior to the summer break detailing the date for diaries for the event.

#### **Fundraising:**

There is approximately £5,000 in the school fund-raising account currently.

#### **AOB:**

Four parents (Margaret McGrath, Dolly Grimmer, Fiona Moore and Stuart McKenzie) volunteered to attend an event on Additional Support for Learning to be held on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> June at 10am-12pm in Club room of City Halls.

BBC Alba is now on Virgin (Channel 188) and will be on Freeview on 8<sup>th</sup> June.

Meeting closed with D-I Brown wishing everyone a good summer holiday.