

Minute of Comhairle nam Pàrant

Meeting

6 November 2014

Sgoil Ghàidhlig Ghlaschu

Present: Joanne Bowman (JB), Catriona Campbell (CC), Martin MacGregor (MMacG), Fiona MacIntyre (FMaI), Iain MacKinnon (IMaK), DK MacPhee (DKMacP), Donalda McComb (DMcC), Douglas Morrison (DM), Bruce Whyte (BW)

Apologies: Kathleen MacLeod

1. DM welcomed everyone to the meeting.
2. DM had attended a meeting of the National Parent Forum who have a key statutory voice in discussions with the Scottish Government. The Forum could be another useful outlet for the promotion of Gaelic Medium Education in Glasgow.

Minutes of Comhairle nam Pàrant's (CnamP)AGM and of our last meeting have been produced by DMacP and once they have been reviewed by DM will be distributed in time for the next meeting.

3. Headteacher's report from DMcC.

- DMcC suggested we allocate time in a future meeting to discuss issues around the Primary School and another time on Secondary School matters rather than trying to cover too many topics in one evening.
- Parents from the school (S4-6) attended a conference at the City Chambers. Changes to the curriculum and qualifications were among the matters discussed. BW and another four parents attended.
- DMcC gave a comprehensive presentation on Planning in the Senior Phase.

ACTION: Alison D'Arcy will be invited to a future meeting to update on her work (eg John Muir Award). Also, some work is being done on the Saltire Award.

- The group had a lengthy discussion on Communication.

BW asked if our young people could produce “learning journeys”, short films of their experience of GME at SGG. Also, there could be short films about vocational career options on the school website.

Other ways of communicating with parents were discussed - De tha dol, texts, website, Twitter, Facebook, information evenings, social evenings.

MMcG asked if we could update the website with information on each of the stages of learning.

Also, could we include further information for parents into the School Handbook about the transition from P7 to S1 and from S3 onwards.

CC mentioned that Pathways evenings are intended to promote all the options available to pupils. Also, a Pastoral Care letter is issued to all parents in September. The school encourages parents to be involved in decisions affecting their children's future learning decisions.

A regular newsletter from CnamP could be produced.

ACTION: Further discussion required to agree specific actions on Communication.

4. Five applications to the Legacy fund were discussed and decisions made on each one. Further information will be provided to each of the applicants.

5. Any other business:

- Funding for a P1 Parents Group learners class is likely to be discontinued by Glasgow Life. Short term solutions are not clear as GL's funding for Gaelic is also being reduced in other areas of their Gaelic service, such as the Saturday Club.

In the longer term there were suggestions about training senior pupils to deliver classes. This would be a good learning experience for them and possible employment opportunity.

- Funding in our account is about £3,300 and the Fundraising account has around £3,000.

ACTION: Discussion at a future meeting

- BW informed that he will be providing an invoice for football strips (£786) to JB.
- The Glasgow Parents' Forum AGM will be held on 10 November.

6. Next meeting:

Thursday 11 December at 6.30pm in SGG

