

Comhairle nam Pàrant Taobh na Pàirce - Parent Council

Comhairle nam Pàrant - Bun-sgoil Taobh na Pàirce Meeting minutes

Date 15th March 2017

Agenda item	Detail	Decision	Action
Welcome and attendees	No of attendees: 26		
Apologies	No of apologies: 5		
Minutes of the last	The minutes were approved		

meeting			
Matters arising	MOL to produce a report from PC survey, for feeding into next PC meeting	Action carried over to next meeting	MOL
Treasurer's/Financial report			
Items on the agenda	Item 4: Transport:		
	Parking on Stanwell St Concern was raised regarding on-going parking issues on Stanwell Street. Suggestions made included • An education campaign, focusing on where parking is available. • Double yellow lines were suggested, as well as • Producing flyers for distribution at Sgoil-àraich. • PSA being trained as a lolly pop person? Parent Council policy is to advise no parking on Stanwell Street.	PC to communicate policy of not parking on Stanwell St during pick up and drop off times. PC to produce leaflet showing parking around the school.	PC MOL
	Bussing and end of day arrangements School is finding changes to end of day arrangement difficult to manage and wanted to consult with the PC. There are eight buses and six taxis. Parents are asked to submit changes in Parentmail form by Monday morning. In addition parents can submit whatever changes and emergency phone calls. But as the numbers grow it is hard to manage and regular errors being made by parents and staff. Monday morning form change has not made an improvement. A general pattern but last minute changes are hard to accommodate. Amending the forms takes up PSA time, parents unaware of the impact of changes. Suggestion from school that if late changes are made children have to be collected from bus queue. Supervision on buses:		

Larger buses over 15 children – still some issues re safety. Could a voluntary contribution for a bus escort be introduced? £12000 per year for 3 buses bus escort. – 200 families over £5 per family. The parent risk assesses whether that their child can travel. Parents who chose not use bus and why.	Send an email round re parents who are bus users and seek a view on crowdfunding for bus escort.	DG
Item 5: Wraparound group		
Wraparound group – meets twice a year with Òganan to review service delivery. Òganan has been contracted by the Parent Council to deliver wraparound care for the parent community in the Gaelic medium. Completely child centred service. Child moving seamlessly from breakfast club and after school activities. Lunch club for sgoil-àraich widens access for children from different geographic areas.		
Some accommodation changes are due in August 2017 due to rising roll and need by school to use more rooms as classrooms. Creative solutions are needed in order to keep the Òganan service uninterrupted. From August Òganan will lose access to the 'quiet room', breakfast club more use of the dining hall and parent room, after school club use of parent room, music room and library. Lunch club will be able to access the parent room. These changes require Care Inspectorate approval.		
2018 huge unknowns – beyond that we will have more pressures. Re timeline re substantive changes and loss of dedicated room that Òganan has use of currently. Solutions need to be agreed and on table by Autumn this year for 2018.		
Wrap around group will lead work set up a working group, school, Òganan and parents to look at different options. To facilitate that look at other offers there are across Edinburgh. Multi purpose space to deliver childcare.		
Asking PC to engage with different schools in person, contacts from council	PC supports establishing working	

and volunteer to speak to childcare providers. Volunteers for the working group and look at potential options. Potentially off site options, which has implications for service. Wraparound group to speak to City of Edinburgh Council (CEC) officials asking for their support for the childcare service and CEC does not have a remit re wrap around. Questions re ICT and music room and balancing priorities. Expectation re early years different delivery. Way in which decision are made include someone from sgoil-àraich. All agreed and send something round asking for volunteers. Recommend attending Comman nam Pàrant meeting on 29 th March to discuss issues around expanding school roll and staffing.	group to lead consultation on good practise for school wraparound service using multi use space. Working group to consist of TnP, Wraparound Group, PC and relevant experts in space planning from the parent body.	PC, TnP, Wraparo und group
Item 6: Events Fèill Samhaidh – Friday 26 th May at 12:30. Meeting on Wed 19 April 7.30 at Boda Bar to contribute ideas and get involved. Ideas so far include BBQ and pitch for help, café, sale stalls, Gaelic book stall, second hand school uniform sale and plant sales. P7 reps to do tattoos and face paints, active school groups could do demonstrations parkour to do circus skills etc. Class hampers, live music. People are needed to run the door and clear up after the event. Something for everyone. Event will take place on Friday May 26 th straight after school. Local Mod – Friday 12 th and Saturday 13 th May A full programme planned – see http://www.edinburghlocalmod.com/ Mòd fringe carnival pageant – cardboard creation sessions and potential box wars. Local mòd ceilidh Sat 13 th May: Help will be needed decorating the space in Thomas Morton Hall, potential home baking and come along and enjoy it. Su		

	Ladies night not happening this year. Many thanks to the organisers for putting on such a brilliant event for the past few years. If anyone else is interested in taking it on get in contact. Mod concert – Friday 29 th Sept Autumn term mod concert 29 th Sept. PC to fund the hall hire and recoup cash. Comhairle nam Pàrant ceilidh in planning – Sat 7 th October A PC ceilidh is planned for the first term of 17/18 as a fundraiser and informal social event.	
	Acoustics group: Successful concert – Julia McCabe raised some money and children did really well. More work to be done re sourcing and pricing of the required materials and a long way to go with funding.	
	Co-Production group: Co- production – strategic review written after review of building and after council elections 4 May. Next CnP meeting to discuss this on 29 March. Re-election of Councilor Lewis Ritchie,the current Gaelic Champion (chosen by Edin Council to work on a the Gaelic language plan) would enable his ongoing work on this project.	
Headteacher's report	£436 raised at the Acoustics fundraising concert. Lego league team to went to Bristol national competition. Many thanks to Hamish for his involvement. Parent Pay being rolled out across all teams in the city. Parents can pay for school meals and milk online using debit and credit cards. 1.29% charge	

	saving in terms of admin. Not clear who picks up the tab for this rollout. Up to 90 P1s/350 pupils in the next academic year. Additional depute head teacher and Katie Wight as acting PT during Karen Reid's maternity leave. From April P1s will be downstairs, creating a more welcoming space for Parents. There will be 4 classrooms and 2 play rooms, causing the loss of the Music Room and the ICT suite. Other classes up the stairs and classroom divided upstairs. Scottish Attainment Challenge Graeme Logan's inspiring slides re closing the attainment gap were shown. £30,000 funding due from next academic year and guaranteed for 3 years.	
AOCB (Any other competent business	None	
Date of next meeting	Monday 15th May	