



Comhairle nam Pàrant Taobh na Pàirce - Parent Council

Comhairle nam Pàrant - Bun-sgoil Taobh na Pàirce

Meeting minutes

Date 11th Septemer 2017

Agenda item	Detail	Decision	Action
Welcome and attendees	<p>The meeting was called to order by the chair. MOL chairing alone as the co-chair has demitted his role. MOL offered her thanks for his work to date. Parties interested in co-chairing should speak to MOL.</p> <p>The attendees were welcomed and introductions were given by each attendee.</p>	New co-chair required	MOL

Apologies	Apologies were presented by six persons.		
Minutes of the last meeting	Minutes were approved.		
Matters arising	Supervision on buses – surveys have been issued – 63 responses received from families that are current bus service users, and seven from families eligible to use the buses that do not currently do so. Caroline Pretty requested survey remains open for a week, she will then collate responses prior to the next meeting.	CP to collate responses	CP
Treasurer's/Financial report	<p>Current bank balance is in the region of £4000. However the PC owes the school some £2000 from the Summer Fair. This is a reasonable bank balance, but still low enough to impact the Small Sums Scheme.</p> <p>There are fundraising events coming up, but it remains important to keep ideas coming to keep the bank account afloat.</p> <p>Small sums scheme will run in a similar fashion to last year. Applications are invited from persons connected to the school, who will receive between £50 and £500 following a committee decision. Last year's scheme funded a football club, playground tools, and the School's license for Sumdog.</p>		

	<p>The treasurer will draft this year's Small sums scheme document – deadline end November with decisions thereafter.</p>	<p>SSS document to be drafted</p>	<p>Treasurer</p>
<p>Items on the agenda</p> <p>4) Report from working groups: Wraparound</p>	<p>4) Report from working groups: Wraparound</p> <p><i>Marianne, Christine MacLeod and Cara Davidson met with Crawford McGhee Acting Head of Operational Support at Edinburgh Council. Edinburgh Council have indicated there should be no limitation placed on wrap around at the school in 2018, and have offered to work with the School to find a practical solution, particularly for sgoil-araich wrap around during the school day. The next step is for the Council to visit the school to look at the available space.</i></p> <p>- <i>We also understand that Wrap-around provision for 2019 onwards will be heavily determined by the outcome of the consultation on the future of GME in Edinburgh which we expect to get underway early next year. It will be important for parents who use the Oganan service and who wish to see gaelic wrap-around continue into the future to make their views known when the time comes. It will also be important that the benefits of onsite wrap</i></p>		

<p>Events</p>	<p><i>around are fully acknowledged in the final Gaelic Language Plan, and the wrap around group will continue to work with the parent council and CnP to ensure this is the case.</i></p> <p>- <i>The next termly review meeting takes place at 9am this Friday 15th in the school and we are always looking for new members to get involved.</i></p> <p>b) Events:</p> <p>i) The Summer Fèill was a well attended event with lots of families turning up to enjoy the Fèill in the sunshine. The event raised just under £2,500 in profit. This is a fantastic amount. Thank you to everyone who helped to organise it and who attended on the day. As ever, the Bouncy Slide proved popular with the BBQ, raffle and cake stall making the most money. It was lovely to see the children's active schools displays and we hope to repeat this again next year. Thanks again to all the staff, volunteers and families for making it such a fantastic event.</p> <p>ii) upcoming events: - <u>School ceilidh</u> to take place on the first Saturday of October. Limited tickets available from</p>	<p>Volunteers required for Halloween</p>	
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<p>Acoustics</p>	<p>the School. The <u>Halloween party</u> has noone to run it at present, and if no volunteers come forward by half term, the event will be cancelled. The aim is to move towards having a different events team run each event.</p> <p>c) Acoustics: Following an intense preparation for a funding application via the Jewson Building Better Communities fund in the springtime the proposal unfortunately did not win that particular award. The application was circulated online at the time to the parent council and the head teacher and if anybody has lost the link and would like to see it again please contact Rebecca Wober. It contained a keynote presentation to put the case for support and had a carefully edited sound file of recordings and interviews made in the main hall during assembly and in the sgoil-araich.</p> <p>However on 14th September the Aviva Community Fund applications open and it could be possible to submit the proposal for this. Once this is submitted it will be online and looking for “likes” and could be circulated to the parent community and beyond to muster support.</p>		
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<p>Co-Productions</p>	<p>happy to countersign Aviva application.</p> <p>The group queried whether the council will fund installation. The Headteacher said she was unsure. However in late spring, Murdo Maclean from the Council's FM team had contacted the HT. The council has Scottish Government funding for improving acoustics – particularly for those with additional support needs. One of the places that will benefit is Roseburn primary, due to acoustics in classrooms being an issue. The council FM team are interested to undertake work in one space – tbc regarding materials and methods, as would be a pilot, to demonstrate a range of techniques. Murdo maclean particularly interested in the nursery playroom. HT tasked to speak to PC, staff, children to gauge which space is preferable - decision must be taken quickly. Many present felt that the Assembly hall be prioritized. A discussion was had on alternative acoustic solutions for the nursery? The HT stated that she will recommend whatever is felt to be best for the school and conducted a show of hands. The show of hands indicated (marginally) the Assembly hall, followed by the Nursery.</p> <p>d)Co-production group:</p> <p>Brian Thunder shared an update – co-production group working with GIG has produced a draft document that</p>		
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	<p>will be made public on 25/9/17. Gaelic Language Plan for the next 5 years. Including council planning for GME over the next five years. Following 25/9/17 there will be a period of informal consultation - online questionnaire will be issued for people to feedback on the draft plan. Consultation period to close in December, followed by a period of analysis. Final plan then produced, to go to the council in Feb 2018. Council now behind schedule, but have spoken to BnG who are happy to accept the delay. GLP will be approved or rejected in Feb 2018.</p> <p>Abigail Burnyeat explained more on the GIG – what it does and why. Comprises councilors, community reps, children and families, CNP, PC, but no school representative. Gaelic language plan must be produced every five years, as required by BnG. The draft plan will not be a sequence of proposals, but much more interactive. Abigail invited maximum attendance and feedback to consultation events.</p> <p>4th Oct, and 6th Oct - information sessions to be held re GIG/gaelic plan implementation. CNP keen to seek feedback from newer stakeholders in the process.</p> <p>Lewis Richie keen to point out that there has been a real perceived shift in attitude within the Council, and that people are proving more open to the process and to Gaelic in general.</p>		
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<p>Up-coming consultations</p>	<p>A discussion was held about accessibility of information via school website/CNP mailing list/parent council mailing list/facebook groups.</p> <p>5) Upcoming consultations:</p> <p>Estates management consultation in the new year – discussing Estates input versus Gaelic management plan and knock-on effects. Gaelic very much a feature within it. The chair confirmed that more details will be issued closer to the time regarding the interconnected nature of these two consultations.</p>		
<p>Fundraising</p>	<p>6) FUNDRAISING:</p> <p>Fundraising ongoing - ceilidh happening, Christmas cards happening again this year, including sgoil-araidh. MOL proposed something simple such as a bake sale on a Friday afternoon periodically, a healthy tuck shop also suggested. Gabrielle Murray also suggested selling tablet – very popular.</p> <p>Other fundraising ideas gathered from elsewhere were: human fruit machine. Music/bingo nights, Friday bakesale, dress down Friday, adopt a teddy bear, sponsored run... fundraising outside of the parent community in such things as the tesco plastic coin scheme.</p>		

<p>Get involved</p> <p>Playground Access and cycle parking</p>	<p>MOL contextualized why we fundraise – some goes straight to the school. Some goes to fund school trips (bus fares, longer trips) purchasing things such as ukuleles, parcours classes, forest school...</p> <p>MOL invited other ideas, and people to carry them forward!</p> <p>Gabrielle Murray reiterated the use of easy fundraising - MOL agreed to readvertise this.</p> <p>Caroline Pretty pointed out that successful fundraising is often done by better organization - perhaps a fundraising group. – MOL confirmed this used to exist but could be reignited.</p> <p>HT confirmed that tesco are funding the ‘nurture’ class this year.</p> <p>7) GET INVOLVED! Volunteers needed to run the Halloween party. Cancelled if not organized by half term. Need co-chair until January and a new chair/co chairs from January</p> <p>8 – PLAYGROUND ACCESS AND CYCLE PARKING A new cycle rack is going into playground (funded by small scheme fund) – to be placed near the nursery gate. Existing racks were a health and safety issue</p>	<p>Volunteers needed for fundraising.</p> <p>MOL to parentmail re EasyFundraising</p> <p>Fundraising group to be established?</p>	<p>MOL</p> <p>Caroline Pretty</p>
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	<p>due to causing a bottleneck. HT pointed out she would rather not open the front gate, in order to keep the children off Bonnington Road.</p> <p>All agreed the new access arrangements were working well.</p>		
HT Report	<p>Playground development – HT had a meeting with the CEC playground group - who are not currently taking forward any playground projects. Council very risk-averse at present following recent tragedies. Natural playgrounds can prove very expensive to maintain due to ROSPA inspections, and whose responsibility the maintenance is. Advised not to spend the funds we currently hold (circa 20k) until further progress is made.</p> <p>Next steps – introduce more ‘loose parts’. Painting and planting around the play box. Growing and harvesting, caring for outdoor space, regular playground volunteers (afternoon a week/fortnight) to really make progress.</p> <p>Facilities management – SLA in place. No cuts made to learning and teaching, so cuts have to be made elsewhere. Introduction of an online ticketing system to manage breakages and support requests. Every school will be given a service rather than a person – meaning a possible loss of the school janitor. Hours to be allocated mid-september, new system going live in December.</p>		

	<p>Vision values and aims – precursor to development plan – original vision and aims created in 2013, now requires update. HT seeking a one-off session on 12/10/17 at end of day - open consultation on vision values and aims</p> <p>Key strategic priorities 16-19 HT set out the city’s vision for children and young people in Edinburgh. She then reminded us of TNP’s vision statement. She then ran through the school priorities and whether they have been attained.</p>	Consultation session in October	HT
Dates of forthcoming meetings	5th November 2017		
AOCB	<p>Mike Sutherland invited those interested in becoming/remaining class reps to get in touch with him.</p> <p>He also reminded the group that TNP is a cycle-friendly school, offering Bikeability training, and invited interested parties to get in touch with him regarding this.</p>	New class reps to be appointed	MS MS

