



Comhairle nam Pàrant  
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Meeting minutes

Date 14th March 2018

Agenda item	Detail	Decision	Action
Welcome and attendees	The meeting was called to order in Gaelic by the chair. The intention is to use more Gaelic in meetings going forward.	Increase use of Gaelic	All
Apologies	Lora Ward (Secretary) Laura Irvine (Treasurer) Cara Davidson, Caroline Pretty, Orla Hobson.		

Minutes of the last meeting	Minutes were approved.		
Introduction	<p>The chairs thanked MOL for her work as previous chair, who will be remaining with us as the PC GIG rep.</p> <p>There will be a PC desk at school events going forward. The PC has produced a flyer to promote PC communication. The website will also be updated, including a blog, calendar of events. The aim is to produce a 'one-stop shop'. The committee welcomes feedback from parents and will liaise regarding the School website.</p> <p>2 email addresses:  <a href="mailto:chairs@parantantaobhnapairce.org.uk">chairs@parantantaobhnapairce.org.uk</a> - received by AK and BL  <a href="mailto:parentcouncil@parentantaobhnapairce.org.uk">parentcouncil@parentantaobhnapairce.org.uk</a> - received by 50+ members of the PC.</p>	PC stand at events/update website	Chairs
Minutes of previous meeting	<p>Approved, and published on PC website.</p> <p>Matters arising:  Easy fundraising - there is a link on the chairs email signature, which clicks through to the school. May be worth adding to PC website.  Co-ordination of class reps - meeting held last month with chairs, talking through the role, which is to amplify</p>	Vacancy C2T class rep	Chairs All

	<p>messages from parent council. Class reps to be used to organise volunteers at feills, etc. There is a vacancy for a C2T rep.</p>		
<p>Working group updates</p> <p>1) Playground</p>	<p>The playground group received £200 from the SSS to purchase loose parts. Pictures should be sent to Katie Wight to agree any new additions. The gardening group with C1 will plant new plants in large planters, and turn pallets into vertical planters and a musical wall. Donations accepted to the gardening group, with a focus on edible gardening. Willow is being sought to create a large willow structure. 8 Children from C2 to C6 are regularly involved in gardening work, creating bird feeders and other small projects. A funding application has been submitted to RHS for £500 to create herb planters. A playground treasure hunt will take place to fundraise, and a working day is hoped for in the spring when the weather improves. The council is in the process of recruiting a playground developer, so there is an ongoing delay.</p>		
<p>2) Wrap-around</p>	<p>Room usage for Oganan has been agreed 2018/2019, but the increasing roll numbers mean that this may need further review.</p>		

<p>3) Fundraising</p>	<p>The fundraising group is meeting on 19/4/18 at Boda bar from 19.30 to discuss strategy. All welcome.</p> <p>The cash for Ceol concerts took place on 8/3/18 and raised £400. Thanks were offered to the organisers.</p> <p>Preloved uniform being sold during parent consultations, by donation.</p> <p>Summer fair 25/5/18 12.30-14.30: there will be active school demos and a bouncy castle. Email <a href="mailto:summerfeill@gmail.com">summerfeill@gmail.com</a> for info or to volunteer.</p> <p>Email address has been created to coordinate support for fundraising and applications - <a href="mailto:tnpfundraising@gmail.com">tnpfundraising@gmail.com</a></p> <p>Leith chooses voting has been extended to 17/3/18, and includes 3 TNP related projects that can be voted for by anyone over the age of 8 living or operating in Leith - <a href="http://leithchooses.net">leithchooses.net</a></p>	<p>Fundraising meeting</p>	<p>All</p>
<p>4) Acoustics</p>	<p>Aviva have awarded £500 towards improvements, meaning a total of £936 being held towards acoustic panels. 2 further fundraising applications are in at present, and updates will follow. The council are addressing sgoil-àraich and the talla bidh, with the PC able to prioritise other halls.</p>		

<p>5) GIG</p>	<p>The February meeting on the GLP has resulted in a desire for greater clarity on the implementation and delivery of the GLP vision. Next GIG meeting to be held on 27/3/18.</p>		
<p>Update on actions as a response to CEC engagement events</p>	<p>As part of the informal consultation process there have been 2 engagement events with TNP and one with Drummond. The Council has confirmed that Drummond will not be a standalone GME school. They have committed to issuing a long-term Gaelic plan within six months. A written guarantee has been requested that the current C5 and C6 will progress to JGHS as expected.</p> <p>Re linkage with Glasgow, the CEC need more officials and to learn from GCC. A visit is being tabled.</p> <p>There are other issues for TNP to address such as the intake and sgoil araich. A proactive approach to staffing is needed, and job adverts have been issued. Co-production meeting not attended as draft plan showed no progress.</p> <p>There was an aspiration for a central location for secondary.</p> <p>A positive approach with CEC is needed, as PC and CnamP need to continue to work with CEC.</p> <p>Please see the CNP blog and regular parentmail updates for agreed actions.</p>		

	Notes from the engagement events are pending agreement by the Council and will be circulated next week, council permitting (w/c 19/3/18).		
Treasurer's report	<p>£6440 account balance, including nearly £1000 for acoustics, and £2000 for the 2017 SSS. Funding for the bike racks has not been requested. The Spring round of SSS will open on 23/4/18, and close on 11/5/18, with the decision announced 1/6/18. Volunteers are required for the assessment panel.</p> <p>A change of criteria for the SSS is being implemented - changing wording to either benefitting the largest number of children possible, or benefitting a smaller number of children where the impact on these children is substantial in line with the aim and functions of the PC, as set out in the PC constitution. The Dyslexia awareness work is a perfect example of the smaller groups benefiting.</p> <p>Those whose applications are denied can re-apply, but should think about why they were denied.</p>	SSS assessment volunteers required	All
AGM survey	<p>In 2016, 20% of parents surveyed rated their knowledge of the PC as 5/5. By 2017 that figure has climbed to 47%. 97% are happy with Parentmail as the primary form of communication, followed by meetings then facebook.</p> <p>Other sources of communication and photos of the PC committee will be put on the website. Engagement levels are encouragingly high at present, but childcare</p>	Add details to website	AK

	<p>is an issue for volunteers. 86% of those that attend events do so for community and fundraising. The Ceilidh in particular was popular.</p> <p>Thanks were expressed to those that completed the survey.</p>		
Road Safety	<p>The crossing is to be installed on Stanwell St during the Easter break. Cllr Booth is chasing this. Katie McWilliam Soane is working on a school travel plan. When actions are identified, CEC have 6 months to action them. Data collected 3 years ago can be used. Volunteers are welcome to assist with the travel plan, both a school team and pupils could be involved.</p> <p>Ms MacArthur is the road safety officer, and 2 C6 pupils are junior road safety officers. They organised 'glow day' to highlight the importance of high visibility clothing. They have also entered a video competition run by CEC regarding awareness of the 20mph speed limit. Feedback from parents on the target of the next campaign is welcome.</p> <p>A parking map indicating parking away from school needs to be developed, as part of the travel plan to encourage good parking etiquette. Suggestion of junior road safety officers, and additional signage such as 'be a mate, don't park at the gate'.</p>	<p>Chase CEC</p> <p>Volunteers welcome</p> <p>Parental feedback invited.</p>	<p>Chas Booth</p> <p>All</p> <p>All</p>
Headteacher's report	<p>The school has worked with many partners recently, including Historic Scotland and a UoE speech and</p>		

	<p>language therapist.</p> <p>C5 have held a burns supper, and C1 visited Gorgie Farm and C5 the zoo. The PC is helping to fund a wide range of visits.</p> <p>Newbattle College have issued positive feedback after working with TnP.</p> <p>Staff are undergoing nurture training, child protection training, personal learning, and sharing classroom practice.</p> <p>Literacy and Immersion Policy change - in line with the government policy for GME, English Phonics teaching will begin in C4 rather than the end of C3. This will give learners a little longer to embed Gaelic phonics securely. This change will apply to this year's C3.</p> <p>SNSA - English standardised assessment this session, Gaelic next session. The SNSA website is available in Gaelic. These tests are not about league tables, and are used in C4 and C7.</p> <p>6.6 new teachers are required next session. Query over the location of P1s next session, potentially requiring the larger rooms to be split and the ICT suite removed.</p>		
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	<p>Donalda Mackinnon will cover Shona Hart whilst she is on Mat leave. Mat cover advertised, and an 0.35 Gaelic learning support post.</p> <p>The school's vision and values have been revised, working with the Pupil Council and parents. We are seeking an adequate translation of the idea of 'flourish' in Gaelic.</p> <p>The values represented are Respect, Diversity, Teamwork, Citizenship, Community nurture, Ambition, Excellence, Creativity and Fun. These values will be shared by the Headteacher over the next few weeks in a newsletter.</p>		
Dates of future meetings	Next Parent Council Meeting Monday 14 May 7.15pm		LW/LI/AK/BL