



Comhairle nam Pàrant
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Meeting minutes

Date 14th November 2018

Agenda item	Detail	Action	Owner
Welcome and attendees	The meeting was called to order in Gaelic by the chair. Thank you to Mike Sutherland for putting up the new PC noticeboard		
Apologies	Rachael King, Cara Davidson, Angela Porteous, Claire Conlon, Rebecca Wober		
Minutes of previous meeting	Minutes were approved by Laura Irvine and seconded by Marianne O'Loughlin. The minutes are published on PC		

	<p>website.</p> <p>Matters arising: Mòd – An Comunn coming from Inverness week of 10/12 for a meeting</p> <p>Disabled bay – Cllr Booth chasing the markings</p> <p>Active schools – Anne met w/ Jessica – active schools designed to be taster sessions, those on waiting list from last term will be prioritized.</p> <p>Parking around school and anti-social (drugs) behavior in the park – Community Policeman advised and patrols will happen periodically.</p>		
<p>Head Teacher Report</p>	<p>In response to a question asked by a parent as to how the school has decided to implement the Government’s directive on technology and to what extent, Mrs MacLeod gave a short presentation.</p> <p>The school works with the Education Scotland outcomes (this has recently been rewritten Nov 2016) – with an emphasis on using technology across the curriculum.</p> <p>The Government document can be found here:</p> <p>https://education.gov.scot/Documents/Technologies-es-os.pdf</p> <p>The Edinburgh Council: Primary Digital Technologies Progression document is on the PC website:</p>		

http://www.parantantaobhnapairce.org.uk/uploads/1/9/7/1/19717359/digital_technologies_progression.pdf

Areas covered:

Digital literacy

Food and textile technology

Technological developments in society and business

Craft, design, engineering and graphics

Computing science

Aim is to use technology in all the things the children do throughout the curriculum.

CEC has packaged the above with pathways for progression of children throughout primary.

Includes: cyber resilience and digital safety.

TnP have been working on creating holistic assessments that meet the benchmarks in a number of curricular areas.

The TnP objectives are:

- Develop the skills and confidence of teachers
- Improve access to digital technology for all learners including those with additional support needs
- Ensure that digital technology is a consideration in all areas of the curriculum and assessment delivery
- Ensure that all learners become resilient users of digital technology and can stay safe online.

	<p>25 iPads are about to come to school and they will be booked out by teachers. (Limited to 1 hour a week for C1-3 and 2 hours a week for C4-7)</p> <p>The school has: a computer suite (may be phased out as ICT should be integrated into all curricular areas rather than a separate subject) interactive white boards in all classes iPods Programmable toys – Beebots, iBots, Marty the Robot Board Games – Robot Turtles, Codemaster</p> <p>A parent asked what apps will be on the iPads – and a request was made for that information to be shared with parents Apps – will be put on iPads – Suggested apps to be circulated (Ms McLeod)</p> <p>Concerns were raised about health of eye development with screens and another parent requested that children also be educated about the unhealthy issues relating to the ‘stickiness’ of phones and social media.</p> <p>Mrs MacLeod clarified that not all technology work requires screen time. There is an emphasis on Computational thinking which doesn’t need access to computers – but also plays a part in digital learning.</p>	<p>Apps list to be circulated to parents</p> <p>These issues to be discussed with children as part of cyber resilience/digital safety</p> <p>Approach code clan</p> <p>Parents to volunteer</p>	<p>Mrs MacLeod</p> <p>Mrs MacLeod</p> <p>Laura Irvine</p> <p>All</p>
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	<p>Mrs MacLeod ask for volunteers to help with Code Club for P6 – after school.</p> <p>Headteacher report Learning and Teaching</p> <p>Focus on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Launch of development plan priority ● Staff delivering and working on Formative assessment, Effective Questioning, giving feedback ● Nurture class is up and running with the PEF) Pupil Equity Funding – Dawn Nicholson teacher with a pupil support assistant ● Refreshed Personal Learning planning – Learning Walls <p>There was a request from a parent for teachers to assess pupils alongside their own self-assessment. The head teacher responded that teachers would support the pupils with their own self-assessment to ensure that children are being accurate in their assessment of their work and not under-valuing or over-valuing their work.</p> <p>The school is looking for feedback on how parents feel the learning wall works</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● MCNG (Gaelic National assessments) trialing 	<p>Parents to feedback on learning walls</p>	<p>All</p>
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Using data to track progress and attainment – QIO visit <p>Donna has done great work with capturing data and preparing it to be used to improve things for our learners.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● PEF Conference, 30 Nov ● Assessment of writing C7 focus. <p>Engaging with parents</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Turnout very high at parent consultations ● McMillian Coffee morning (thanks to Anne McCluskey) ● Open Day for new families ● Enrolment week ● Draft staffing in to the Council next week for next year based on an estimated number of 87 having applied to P1 (12 could be deferred) ● Homework Mats – have gone out. The Homework mats approach was created in response to a parental survey on homework in session 2015-16. All homework is voluntary but it is hoped that all families will engage. <p>Health and Wellbeing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Sports Scotland award application is underway. ● Daily Mile markings are in ● Basketball taster c1 / c2 		
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Forest School – currently in 4-week blocks for c1 Further staff member training in Forest Kindergarten. <p>A parent raised disappointment with how the time spent at Forest School for P1s has been reduced to 4 weeks blocks instead of all term. This is because of changes to staffing in the upper school.</p> <p>C1s go outdoors most days and an emphasis is put on outdoor learning. (not the same as forest school – but important)</p> <p>Ms MacKinnon training as a forest school person for nursery.</p> <p>Other news Donna McLeod has been appointed as the school Business Manager– this has been well received.</p> <p>The school received a good number of applicants for the Pupil support assistant</p> <p>They will be advertising soon for Clerical assistant in the office</p> <p>Bethan Owen is QIO for GME (a third of her job) she is responsible for languages across the city.</p>		
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	<p>The school is looking to work with JGHS to share staff across upper school – as part of transition. Interesting plans coming.</p> <p>There will be an event in January for P6/P7 parents and children to discuss transition and what they would like to see in S1/S2 where there will be more Gaelic input.</p> <p>There will then be a higher profile event in May – GLAIF teachers will be responsible for organising this for the P7s</p> <p>19 Nov.– The Council are hosting a Gaelic Reception for Gaelic students to network.</p> <p>Looking forward The Christmas Diary will be circulated 15/11/18.</p>	Circulate the diary	Anne McPhail
<p>Working group updates</p> <p>1) Playground</p>	<p>Spring bulbs planted</p> <p>Kids stomping on things – can children be advised not to climb on raised beds</p> <p>Map of Scotland is on the way</p> <p>P1 block quiet area – barrel planters going in. bigger plants – would be lovely if people could donate.</p> <p>3.20 meet up on Monday’s if anyone wants to help</p>	Donate bigger plants	All

	<p>A full report can be found on the Comann nam Pàrant website: https://cnpduneideannblog.wordpress.com/2018/11/21/fios-as-uire-do-theaghlaichean-fmg-a-thaobh-leasachaidhean-a-s-uire-a-thaobh-ftg-ann-an-dun-eideann-14-11-18/</p> <p>Bòrd na Gàidhlig has been generally positive about the Council's Gaelic Language Plan (GLP). The Council have been required to make some amends ahead of it being signed off in December.</p> <p>The Council presented a Culture and Arts Implementation plan. This is a dynamic document that looks at the details of strategy priority 3 from the GLP. Looking to form a working group to drive this forward – with 2 x community reps</p> <p>The Council wants to create a database of Gaelic contacts</p> <p>Culture website being set up – as part of that there will be a Gaelic element.</p> <p>Discussions also underway about a Gaelic Cultural Centre.</p> <p>The Working group will meet before the 12 March next GIG meeting.,</p> <p>Bethan Owen is new languages QIO with GME remit ; particular focus on teaching and learning.</p>		
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	<p>Focusing on Transitions and making the arrangements more robust. The 3 teachers who are on GIFT course are helping with this work</p> <p>James Gillespie's High School have made 2 appointments. Donna McIver who teaches Gaelic and History and Modern Studies through to senior phase.</p> <p>There were 4 applicants for the Curriculum Leader post and Seonaidh Charity was appointed to lead Gaelic and the GME growth plan.</p> <p>S1 + S2 offer has been increased.</p> <p>There will be a meeting for P6 and P7 parents at JGHS in January to discuss transition.</p> <p>This will be followed up with a meeting for all parents in May.</p> <p>There are plans for strengthening P6/P7 teaching through the new staff at JGHS in the short term and then longer-term planning for putting specialists in at P6/P7 and sharing staff across P6 – S2.</p> <p>A report is being done into rising rolls across the City and this will identify the need to refurb the Darroch building. This will go to finance committee and budgeting with a schedule to see Darroch operational by August 2020.</p>		
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	<p>After a new secondary site becomes operational, Darroch would become a second Gaelic primary school.</p> <p>Discussions about the Secondary site need to be progressed swiftly.</p> <p>A written update on early years will be prepared for the next meeting.</p> <p>Next meeting March 12 2019</p>		
5. Gaelic Learning Information Evening	The event is on Thursday 22 nd November.	Attend!	All
6. Parental Gaelic Classes	<p>Over 100 responses to the survey Daytime classes morning after drop off was the most popular.</p> <p>Evening classes are trickier to organise as have to use school out of school hours.</p> <p>A parent raised the idea of organising adult conversation opportunities around events that the children do....ie: Sradagan.</p>		
7. Fèill Nollaig	<p>Raffle tickets have gone out Teachers have volunteered– thank you! However, we need more volunteers</p>	Call for volunteers	All

	<p>Please donate good quality toys, books, pre-wrapped adult gifts, home baking, wellies and uniform.</p> <p>There's a Bake off for kids</p>		
8. Treasurer's report	<p>There is £9,000 in bank (£2,000 is for the acoustics). Plus £1,500 from the Xmas card – thank you Marianne! £500 from Halloween</p> <p>There are 3 applications for the small sum schemes – looking for more. who would like to help decide. SSS – what's the deadline 30 November.</p>	Volunteers to help assess applications for small sums scheme	All
8. AGM and New Office Bearers	<p>The AGM is on the 21st January 2019.</p> <p>Barbie and Anna will be stepping down. A call is being made for a new Chair or Co-Chairs, a Secretary and a Gaelic Language Plan/Gaelic Medium Education Rep.</p> <p>If you would like more information or a chat about these roles, please email: chairs@parantantaobhnairce.org.uk.</p>		
9. AOB	<p>Rachael King and Julia McCabe would like to run a fundraising concert for the acoustics next term. This was welcomed.</p>		
Dates of future meetings	<p>The next Parent Council meeting and AGM will be on 21st January 2019.</p> <p>The next Gaelic Implementation Group Meeting is on 12</p>		

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