



Comhairle nam Pàrant
Taobh na Pàirce

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Meeting minutes

Date 10th September 2018

Agenda item	Detail	Action	Owner
Welcome and attendees	The meeting was called to order in Gaelic by the chair.		
Apologies	Donnie Blair, Heather McGibbon		
Introduction	What the PC is and how you can get involved – new outdoor noticeboard to be installed asap.	Install outdoor noticeboard.	Chairs

<p>Minutes of previous meeting</p>	<p>Minutes were approved by Brian Thunder and seconded by Marianne O'Loughlin. The minutes are published on PC website.</p> <p>Matters arising: Parking map – is still ongoing.</p>	<p>Parking map group to convene and create map.</p>	<p>Orla Hobson, Katie Soane</p>
<p>Head Teacher Report</p>	<p>Two In-Service Training Days at start of term focused on child protection and policies as well as interdisciplinary learning projects and school values.</p> <p>An unexpected audit was undertaken by the Council at the start of term. This was to help inform the GME strategy 0-18 and to create baselines for progression. They looked at three themes the Curriculum, Transitions and Partnerships.</p> <p>School Improvement Plan has been issued. School website has a domain issue, when this is resolved the school improvement plan will go up.</p> <p>Three teachers are currently on a Gaelic course on Uist and are progressing well.</p> <p>Lost Words – whole school project has progressed well with children making bramble jam and going to the exhibition at the Botanic Gardens. An assembly to share the learning will happen this week. After September holiday, new projects will start.</p>		

	<p>Three P6 children are members of the Children's Parliament.</p> <p>Advert is being published for a Nurture teacher to replace Mrs. Cunniffe. They are re-deploying existing staff to cover her whilst the recruitment process concludes. They expect to have someone in place after the October break.</p> <p>Very pleased to report that Niall is back as the Janitor. A new facilities management system is now in place.</p> <p>Remedial work is happening on all the ceilings, classes will be decanted. This is scheduled to run for a while, all spaces including the hall need to be done.</p> <p>Acoustics meeting to be held next week with Murdo from the Council to progress this work.</p> <p>Bilingualism Matters Conference – celebrating 10 years of their activity was held. Very helpful organisation supporting Gaelic.</p> <p>Three GIFT school teachers working PT within TnP currently.</p> <p>The annual Gaelic conference is being held in Aviemore next month. Katie Wight is speaking there on play. A few teachers will be going along with Cròileagan leaders.</p>		
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<p>Working group updates</p> <p>1) Playground</p>	<p>Katie Wight gave the update.</p> <p>Thanked Lizzie Burgess, Mary Cameron and Krya Whittle for all their work to date.</p> <p>The Playground Group meets weekly - adults meet every week (do bigger jobs and planning) and every fortnight with kids.</p> <p>The Garden looks amazing with Lizzie, Mary, Kyra doing lots of planting. The group has received a grant from the PC to create quiet area and to run a project making mosaics for the garden with the children. Daily Mile lines to go in. The group works with the children to generate ideas and the adults help to interpret these in the space.</p> <p>The school still has £25k government funding to invest in the playground. A meeting is scheduled for 1 Oct. Katie, April (School Business Manager) and Anne MacPhail are going to establish a plan for moving forward with this work.</p> <p>Scotland map to be painted on the playground between Ògannan and sgoil-àraich – Cat McKay artist is coming in.</p>	<p>Playground markings</p>	<p>Playground group</p>
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<p>2) Wrap-around</p>	<p>Parents wanting to help with the playground can get in touch with Mary Cameron or Lizzie Burgess via chairs@parantantaobhnairce.org.uk. Calls also go out for assistance via Facebook too. Parents meet on Monday afternoons.</p> <p>The PC oversees the contract with Òganan to deliver wraparound care in the school. They provide feedback to Òganan and share ideas. They work to address the impact that the increase of pupils has on school accommodation.</p> <p>Òganan has recently received Partner Provider status for 3-5 at Taobh na Pàirce starting this August. For more information about this please contact the office.</p> <p>There is currently a waiting list to join the after school club. But they have additional staff joining to relieve this.</p> <p>Please text Òganan if you require for additional ad hoc spaces</p> <p>Homework club starts before October half term. There is also a performing arts club and a chess club is going to start soon</p> <p>There are currently 25 members of the Òganan team.</p>	<p>Call for Volunteers</p>	<p>All</p>
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<p>3) Fundraising</p>	<p>If you are interested in joining the wraparound group please contact: chairs@parantantaobhnapairce.org.uk Parents with children in sgoil-àraich are particularly welcome. Fundraising covers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Direct funds to school to cover the extras that enhance our children’s learning and wouldn’t be covered by the school’s main budget. ● Small sums scheme – covers small projects like the daily mile lines. ● Specific projects like the acoustics. ● Easyfundraising - £1,100 raised through this – please sign up to take part and support the school at: https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/bunsgoiltaobhnapairce/ <p>Not all fundraising is events. The group also writes grant applications – if there are any parents with skills in fundraising / grant applications please contact Caroline via chairs@parantantaobhnapairce.org.uk</p> <p>Not all events are about fundraising, the fundraising and events group do a lot of community activities to bring people together. Participation to events is by donation. We are aware of the cost of the school day and financial challenges people face.</p>	<p>Call for Volunteers</p>	<p>All</p>
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<p>5) GIG</p>	<p>They have raised £1,300 already with another £850 being raised by a charity swim by two parents.</p> <p>They are currently putting together a direct appeal to go out to the wider community.</p> <p>The current position is one where we have increasing numbers of families requesting GME for their children – so a strategy needs to be developed to meet this and future demand across the City.</p> <p>The Gaelic community takes an active role, particularly through Comann nam Pàrant -, the representative organisation for families with children in all stages of Gaelic-medium education in Edinburgh</p> <p>We encourage as many people as possible to get involved, discuss the issues and campaign for the expansion of good quality GME across the City.</p> <p>Currently,</p> <p>GME is provided by Cròileagan for 0-3 at groups across the city</p> <p>Sgoil-àraich at TnP delivers pre-school.</p> <p>This year we welcome Òganan delivering Provider service for children aged 3-5 years at Taobh na Pàirce</p>		
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	<p>to address the increasing demand. Óganán are also in discussion about opening in another part of the city.</p> <p>TnP delivers primary education and the school is nearly at capacity</p> <p>Secondary provision is at James Gillespie's High School.</p> <p>Due to rising rolls and corresponding capacity issues at James Gillespie's High School, the Council have committed to moving secondary GME to a new site, but only when GME at James Gillespie's High School has been sufficiently developed to ensure that the transition is a success. The Council will have to run a statutory consultation to demonstrate that the proposed new school would provide improved educational outcomes for our children.</p> <p>At a meeting at James Gillespie's High School earlier this year to discuss the rising rolls and capacity issues, the Council agreed that they would implement interim measures to accommodate all the children transitioning from C7 to secondary from Taobh na Pàirce as well as children transitioning from P7 to secondary who are living in the geographic catchment for James Gillespie's, at the time of application for secondary, until a long-term solution has been agreed.</p> <p>At a meeting on 25th September at Taobh na Pàirce,</p>	<p>Council meeting on</p>	<p>All</p>
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	<p>Councillor Ian Perry (Convenor of the Education, Children and Families Committee) and Councillor Alison Dickie (Gaelic Champion and Vice-Convenor of the Education, Children and Families Committee) will feedback on the strategy and timeline they are developing for the growth of GME from 0-18 across Edinburgh.</p> <p>Whilst Council rules prevent them from presenting the plan in its entirety before it is formally published on 3rd October, Edinburgh Council will present a snapshot of what will be in the plan and take the opportunity to listen in person to the views of GME families. The timing of this meeting will allow the views expressed on the night to have an influence on the final plan that will be presented to the Education, Children & Families Committee.</p> <p>Comann nam Pàrant will hold a meeting on the 4th October at Taobh na Pàirce to discuss the strategy in full and decide how to respond to the strategy. They will then need your support in taking that message to your local Councillors to lobby for their support for the development of GME.</p> <p>The Education, Children and Families Committee will then meet on October 9th to vote on whether to accept the strategic plan for the development of GME 0-18.</p>	<p>25th September at Taobh na Pàirce 7.15pm</p> <p>Comann nam Pàrant Meeting 4th October at Taobh na Pàirce 7pm</p>	<p>All</p>
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	<p>One of the greatest strengths of the Gaelic community is how we have stood together to progress GME. Our vision for secondary GME has been consistent for a number of years.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parents share the vision of a much enhanced and improved Gaelic-medium experience for our children at secondary school. This would include a greater percentage of the timetable to be delivered through the medium of Gaelic. • Parents share the vision of a growing Gaelic-medium community at secondary school, and the vision of this community staying together in one school. <p>Brian Thunder, Convenor of Comann nam Pàrant spoke about the role of Comann nam Pàrant as the representative body for GME for 0-18 and flagged up how important this moment was for the future of GME. He asked for people to get involved, and attend meetings so we can respond accordingly to the strategy that the Council is presenting.</p>		
4. Class Reps and working Group Members	<p>Volunteers to be Class Reps for XX XX are still required. Please contact chairs@parantantaobhnairce.org.uk if you would like to volunteer to be a rep or be on a working group.</p>		
5. Gaelic Cultural Events	<p>Anne MacPhail is approaching An Comunn Gàidhealach to see how things are progressing with</p>	<p>Approach An Comunn</p>	<p>Anne MacPhail</p>

	<p>establishing a local branch to deliver the Edinburgh Mòd next year.</p> <p>A call was made for volunteers who would be interested in getting involved in Gaelic Cultural Events in the school.</p>	<p>Gàidhealach re: local branch</p> <p>Call for volunteers</p>	<p>All</p>
6. Gaelic Learning Information Evening	<p>There have been lots of enquiries about Gaelic courses for adults. The PC is looking to hold an information evening about what is on offer, and have parents/carers talking about their experiences on particular courses and making themselves available for Q & As.</p> <p>A call was made for volunteers who would be interested in to get involved in organizing this event.</p>	<p>Call for volunteers</p>	<p>All</p>
7. Treasurer's report	<p>£2,000 was given to the school as the proceeds of the Summer Fèill.</p> <p>£300 was made at the cinema night and over £500 at the bike gala</p> <p>There is just under £6,000 in the bank with £1,700 allocated to small sums scheme and £1,300 acoustics fundraising. Leaving £3,000 in the bank</p>		
8. Road safety	<p>There have been complaints about unsafe parking and driving in the Silverfields development. Residents have been advised to call the police if they are concerned about vehicles being parked or driven dangerously.</p>		

	There have been complaints about people parking in the disabled bay outside the school	Chase up Council about markings	Anna Kinsella
9. Active Schools	<p>Issues are arising about the first come first served system not being equitable.</p> <p>Jessica Lambson, the Active Schools Coordinator has been in touch with ideas to alleviate the problem.</p> <p>47% of pupils are signed up to active schools with over 90% of all pupils taking part in some activity over the course of their schooling.</p>	Jessica to meet with staff and parents	Anna Kinsella to lead
AOB	<p>a. Parent raises issue of the inefficiency of applying for bus places and the difficulty in dealing with Transport at the Council.</p> <p>b. Parent raises the issue of Tenant Street becoming increasingly dangerous to cross because the buses are parking on the double yellow lines.</p> <p>c. A parent, on behalf of Friends of Pilrig – thanks parents for their statements of support for the new equipment in the park – particular mentions for Sophie Brown and Debs Warner.</p>	<p>Anna MacPhail is seeking a meeting</p> <p>Community Police Officer to be advised</p> <p>Parents advised to</p>	<p>Barbie Lyon to liaise with Anne</p> <p>Barbie Lyon</p>

	<p>d. A parent flags their concern about drugs paraphernalia being found in the wooden area behind the smaller play park in Pilrig Park</p> <p>e. Parent was worried about an overhanging branch from a school tree in Stanwell street.</p>	<p>call the number on the park signs and report it – or call environmental health – this can also be done online.</p> <p>Community Police Officer to be contacted</p> <p>This has been reported.</p>	<p>Barbie</p>
<p>Dates of future meetings</p>	<p>The next Parent Council meeting will be on Wednesday 14th November.</p>		