



Comhairle nam Pàrant - Bun-sgoil Taobh na Pàirce

Meeting minutes

Date 13 March 2019

Agenda item	Detail	Decision	Action
Welcome and attendees	The meeting was called to order by the chair (NLW)		
Apologies	Calum Carlyle (GME rep), Seamus Spencer (co-chair), Donald Blair, Barrie Henderson, Heather McGibbon		

Minutes of the last meeting	Minutes were approved by Katie Soane and seconded by Marianne O'Loughlin.		
Introduction	The chair thanked AK and BL for their great work as previous chairs.		
Minutes of previous meeting	<p>Approved.</p> <p>Matters arising: There were no matters arising from the minutes of the previous meeting.</p>		
<p>Working group updates</p> <p>1. Playground</p>	<p>There are plans to develop the planting near the dome where the children enjoy playing. They are also looking to establish a compost corner with pupil involvement which would be educational. Will consider whether this should be fenced off but ideally this would not be necessary if children are respectful.</p> <p>The playground inspection has been completed and awaiting the report.</p>		

<p>2. Acoustics</p>	<p>The acoustics throughout the school are very poor resulting in background noise which can make it challenging for children listening both in classrooms and other shared spaces. PC is committed to funding the main hall, however only one third of the funding required has been raised so far (approximate costs £9k-£12k). There is a need to increase funding efforts and any volunteers with suggestions for fund raising should get in touch with Rebecca Wober or Julie Weller.</p> <p>Funding has been allocated by the council as part of a pilot to improve acoustics across the city. Sgoil àraich and the dining hall were identified as a priority following an assessment by Psychological Services.</p>	<p>Call for Volunteers and a call for any parents/carers with links to organisations like Tesco who can help with fundraising e.g. collecting blue coins</p>	<p>All</p>
<p>3. Wraparound</p>	<p>No representative present.</p>		
<p>4. Fundraising & Events</p>	<p>In order to maximise fundraising opportunities, a plan was agreed to host groups and information about how to volunteer / support the groups on the Parent Council website - expected to be ready by Easter.</p> <p>The school lottery will be a trial with a possible launch date of 27 April.</p>		<p>BL</p>

<p>5. GIG Group</p>	<p>The pros and cons of charitable status are still being worked through. NLW has sent up a charity before and may be able to support this.</p> <p>Plans to apply for places at next years Edinburgh Marathon. Get children & parents involved. Suggested to apply a couple of days after launch for discounted rates.</p> <p>The events calendar will be sent out when it has been finalised.</p> <p>The Fèill Samhraidh / Summer Fair is on 24 May at 1230. The first meeting of the Fèill organising team is at Barbie Lyon's house on 27/3/19 at 7.30pm. Any one interested in getting involved, or for any further information E-mail summerfeill@gmail.com .</p> <p>Fundraising is extra important this year due to council cuts. 97% of school budget goes to staffing.</p> <p>Calum Carlyle is the new PC GME rep.</p> <p>The statutory public consultation goes live February 2020 looking at secondary provision / primary school</p>	<p>Parent Council website to be progressed</p> <p>Discuss charitable status</p>	<p>CP/NLW</p>
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	<p>for GME. CNP are running a series of meetings to give parents the opportunity to work with council to progress this.</p> <p>There was a meeting on 5 March regarding the future GME curriculum and proposed GME high school and a summary of the meeting can be found here: https://cnpduneideannblog.wordpress.com/</p> <p>Further meetings are planned on 18 and 20 March so that CNP can gather feedback to be presented to Edinburgh Council via GIG in April. PC was asked to organise a re-run so that parents still get engagement opportunity if unable to attend.</p> <p>Funding received for Corporate Gaelic development officer to be appointed to implement the Gaelic Language Plan – one year pilot.</p>	Encourage everyone to sign up to CnP blog	
Treasurer's report	There is £5,000 in the bank and a fund of £3,000 for acoustics.		
Road Safety	Katie Soane can no longer support this role so looking for a replacement.	Call for Volunteer	All

	<p>Extra funding has been approved (?)for cycle spaces outside the school</p> <p>There have been a number of complaints regarding the buses interfering with local business. The next tendering process will specify the maximum bus size in an effort to help.</p> <p>There is a new form online for applying for bus transport.</p> <p>There is no supervision on buses and there have been a few concerns. It is the equivalent to a child sending their child on a public bus.</p> <p>Parent parking on Stanwell street is causing problems for new houses due to some parents not parking considerately. A reminder to be issued that James Pringle can be used. The playground will be used as a car park for Parent Consultations w/c 18/3/19.</p> <p>The large puddle from Pilrig park continues to be a problem. Andy May was following up with Persimmon Homes. Chas Booth has also been helpful and Friends of Pilrig Park are also escalating.</p>		
Headteacher's update	AM welcomed the new Parent Council team.		

	<p>The school is currently hosting 3rd year students from Edinburgh University and a 4th year student next term. They also have a student from Sabhal Mòr Ostaig, a Gaelic Immersion for Teachers (GiFT) student and Sgoil araich has an Edinburgh college student helping on Fridays and Mondays who is a native Gaelic speaker and supply PSA.</p> <p>Iona Brown and Sineag MacIntyre are working on new excursions policy and procedure across the city.</p> <p>Staff are being trained on new Gaelic national assessments and “Children in Scotland” courses.</p> <p>There was a joint fundraiser in January with JGHS for Sick Kids hospital – primary and high school working together.</p> <p>Lovely feedback was received following the P7 Edinburgh University story telling project with elderly people.</p> <p>There was success for two P7 children and two P6 children in the Lego League.</p>		
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	<p>Cross country League - two P6 and two P7 teams entered. The P6 girls won and go to the next round.</p> <p>Feis na Gael presented to sgoil àraich and P1 and will return to do work with students further up the school.</p> <p>P2T have replacement teachers in place which is going well to date with significant Gaelic input throughout the week. Although not full immersion, there are 3 teachers in the class who deliver Gaelic literacy over 2.5 days, in line with the other P2 classes. Ms Dominguez will be doing parent consultations and a coffee morning is also to be planned for the parents. Reassurance was given that the leadership team that is well equipped to provide goods solutions and the resources available are used to get the best value.</p> <p>The school choir and clarsach players are preparing for Resonate 2019.</p> <p>Two permanent PSAs are starting w/c 18 March – Liam O’Conor and S Bryson.</p> <p>The playground group are looking for volunteers.</p> <p>The school is submitting an application for a Sports Scotland Gold Award. Looking for parent volunteers with experience who may be able to support this.</p>	<p>Call for Volunteers</p> <p>Ask if June Mòd date is available</p>	<p>All</p> <p>AM</p>
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	<p>The local Mòd committee suggested 10 / 24 May as possible date for the local Mòd but AM will ask if June is an option.</p> <p>18 classes are being planned for the next school year. The school is working with the council and an interior designer to best organise the space for this. There will be at least one large space with 2 teachers, the classes most likely to be impacted are next year's P7 / P5 classes. Acoustics would need to be improved.</p> <p>The P1 intake for August is 85.</p> <p>A new deputy head is being recruited for August to replace Mrs Macleod who is retiring.</p> <p>9 class teachers are being recruited (this includes probationers and non permanent teachers) and an early years assistant with the opportunity of a full training programme is also being recruited.</p> <p>There was a meeting organised by the council on 14 March for any one interested in teaching in Gaelic.</p>		
Dates of future meetings	Monday 18 March at 7.30 pm in room 1.23, Malala		

	<p>Building, at James Gillespie's High School: Comann nam Pàrant Open Meeting for people interested in joining working groups to progress GME</p> <p>Wednesday 20 March 7.30 pm Taobh na Pàirce: Comann nam Pàrant open meeting for GME families to examine criteria for evaluating GME secondary locations</p> <p>Parent Council Meeting - Monday 13 May at 7.15pm.</p>		
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