



Comhairle nam Pàrant - Bun-sgoil Taobh na Pàirce

Meeting minutes

Date 13 May 2019

Agenda item	Detail	Decision	Action
Welcome and attendees	The meeting was called to order by the chairs (NLW and SS)		
Apologies	Calum Carlyle (GME rep), Laura Irvine, Anne MacPhaill, Caroline Pretty		

Minutes of the last meeting	Minutes were approved by Orla Hobson and seconded by Kevin Leetion		
Minutes of previous meeting	Approved. Matters arising: There were no matters arising from the minutes of the previous meeting.		
Working group updates 1. Playground 2. Acoustics	Natasha read out a report from Lizzy. Developing the planting area is complete. Agreed it looks wonderful. Compost area is being developed There is a new Health and Safety body who is reviewing standards. Inspection report has been received. No significant issues. It is being reviewed internally initially. No representative present.		

<p>3. Wraparound</p>	<p>Looking for volunteers to join the group. The Council lead acoustics improvement program to tackle the acoustic issue in classrooms is ongoing.</p>	<p>Appeal for volunteers</p>	<p>NLW/SS</p>
<p>4.Fundraising & Events</p>	<p>No representative present. Call out for volunteers as Cara is stepping down. Parent Council hold the contract with Óganán. Agreed wraparound care is fundamental for many families</p> <p>Fèill Samhraidh / Summer Fair is on 24 May at 1230. Looking for volunteers. Raffle tickets will be issued to every child.</p> <p>School Lottery Launch</p> <p>It's happening! Our first draw will be on Saturday 15 June. Registration is open now through the website www.yourschoollottery.co.uk. Goal is to attract at least 50 supporters which would raise over £1000 per year for the school. Supporters can be anyone over 16 so</p>	<p>Appeal for volunteers</p>	<p>NLW/SS</p>

	<p>family, friends and anyone from the wider community can join in and help our fundraising efforts.</p> <p>Edinburgh Marathon Festival - Many families and several staff will be taking part in events the EMF next Saturday and we wish them all the best. In 2020 we're aiming to get a team together to raise funds for the school. This has been a very successful type of fundraising for other local schools e.g. Broughton Primary has raised thousands of pounds in recent years whilst building school community spirit and promoting a healthy active lifestyle through training events and the EMF itself. May 2020 is a long way off but entries will open soon and the junior events always sell out. The Small Sums Scheme has kindly agreed to provide funding to purchase a number of places in the junior events which will be prioritised for pupils who may not otherwise be able to enter due to cost. To be discussed with the school how this will operate but please invite people to get in touch if interested in being part of organising team.</p> <p>School branded tote bags and travel mugs - Agreed that Gaelic phrases on bags would be better than school branded ones. This would be used to support funds. Branded mugs, keep mugs and water bottles were also suggested.</p>		
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<p>5. GIG Group</p>	<p>Brian Thunder - Next meeting on 12th June which will focus on education. Comann nam Pàrant have come up with a system to encourage more involvement with 4 working groups who will produce a report to be shown at the AGM on 22nd May. This will give updates on Early Years, Primary and Secondary. Comms group will give a report to show how the work they are doing will make it easier for people to access information and communicate ideas. Need a complete understanding of what people want and agreement on the strategy that they are working towards. Request for people to come to the AGM which will be in James Gillespies, contribute to a working group. They will also be looking for a new convener, treasurer and secretary. The new working groups now make it an easier job for the convenor.</p>		
<p>Treasurer's report</p>	<p>At the end of April we had just under £8000 in the bank, £3184 belongs to the Acoustic Fund. I have been providing funds for the Small Sums Scheme projects that were successful. There are still some outstanding from the Spring 2018 and Winter 2018 rounds - Mosaic funding, T-shirts for run club, EMF (2020), Science Fun Day and Waterproof jackets. An update from those that were successful would be great so it can be budgeted properly.</p>	<p>Contact project applicants and request update</p>	<p>NLW/SS</p>

Lost Property Review	<p>A new policy is to be implemented to try to deal with the sheer number of items and cut down on parents having to go through the office to look for items. PSA's will take responsibility for lost property. They will return all labelled items to the child. Anything not labelled will be placed in a lost property box. It will be reviewed when parents could get access to this box, potentially on a friday afternoon. Anything not collected will be sent to charity at the end of a term. The most important thing is to ensure that all items belonging to your child is clearly labelled!</p>	Decide on when parents could get access to lost property box	AMP
Mobile phones and handheld devices at school	<p>Question was asked by a parent. How do parents feel about them being in school? Mentioned that it is hard when older kids use them on the buses and in the playground before and after school. It was suggested that phones are not always shut off during school. The management team said that the school policy was that phones should not be used in the classroom or playground. Difficult to enforce phones being shut off. Question whether there was a council policy about this? There seems to be a variety of approaches in different schools. A pre agreement between the school and child/parent over the use of the phone during school time is one option. Security of the phone should</p>	Management team to review and feedback	AMP

<p>Online Safety, security information and awareness</p>	<p>not trump the security of childrens exposure to something inappropriate.</p> <p>There is a company that do workshops about this and help parents to understand best practice. Anne will see what Edinburgh council have available. Internet safety is part of the curriculum already. Tied to topic learning. It was mentioned that there had been a previous event planned for after school but it had been poorly attended. Natasha would feedback after speaking to Anne.</p>		
<p>Headteacher update</p>	<p>Eco and Environment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - poster campaign for school gates, car parking map. <p>Crisp pack recycling has started - bin in the dining hall. Discussion on how to cut down on milk carton waste. Abbeyhill school swapped ordering milk cartons for a milk jug and cups. Some parents are not ordering milk for school to avoid using plastic.</p>	<p>Update on workshop</p>	<p>NLW/SS</p>

	<p>ASN support & Dekko comics Dekko comics was developed by someone who had difficulty learning in school. Some text books have been created and he is interested in seeing if some Gaelic versions could be created. He has been in touch with Storlann. The management team will take this forward.</p> <p>Mental health and well being Iona Brown gave a presentation on the Mental Health Foundation. They recommend what should be used in a school setting. Some examples we use are; soft start in school, greeting every child with a handshake in the morning, circle time, assemblies, nurture classes, social skills groups are run, mind maps, forest school, buddy system, bake sales, Pupil voice. It was agreed that the handshake between teacher and child at the beginning of the day is really great!</p> <p>The Green team -Instigating/installing further crisp packet collection points -considering further uses of the terra cycle scheme for TNP.</p>		
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	<p>-developing ideas and a PowerPoint for forthcoming assemblies</p> <p>-considering linkups between the gardening group and the green team.</p>		
<p>AOB</p> <p>Dates of future meetings</p>	<p>Brian from Comann nam Pàrant hopes to have another meeting with the council before the GIG meeting.</p> <p>Wednesday 22 May 7.00 pm James Gillespies Comann nam Pàrant open meeting for GME families</p> <p>Parent Council Meeting - Monday 9th September at 7.15pm.</p>		