



## **Comhairle nam Pàrant - Bun-sgoil Taobh na Pàirce**

### **Parent Council Meeting Note**

### **Wednesday 16 September 2020**

This meeting was held using Microsoft Teams due to Covid-19 restrictions around use of the school building. Comments and questions from parents and carers could be added during the meeting using a moderated chat function.

The following is a note of the presenter names, agenda and action points of the meeting held on Teams and available to view at: <https://tnpparentcouncil.org.uk/clar-gnothaich/>

#### **Presenters:**

Anne MacPhail – AM (Head Teacher), Iona Brown – IB (Deputy Head), Katie Wight – KW (Deputy Head), Seamus Spencer – SS (Co-Chair), Natasha Lee-Walsh – NLW (Co-Chair)  
Moderator: Katarina Przybycien (Treasurer)  
43 attendees total

#### **1. Welcome and note of last meeting (24<sup>th</sup> June 2020):**

SS welcomed everyone. Minutes from the previous meeting were approved. Actions from the meeting were marked complete, with ongoing actions for the finalisation of the playground improvement plan submission to the Council and progress with the traffic survey work.

SS outlined how the meeting will operate and gave feedback on work of the Parent Council in the City of Edinburgh Council South East Locality meetings with representatives of other local parent councils, continuing to work on anti-racism and digital poverty issues.

#### **2. Matters arising**

There were no specific matters rising from the last meeting, COVID processes and provisions were ongoing.

#### **3. Overview – Headteacher & Senior Management (see attached Presentation)**

**Operating under COVID** - AM discussed how the school is operating under Covid.

Currently outdoor education is being promoted, where singing can't happen, alternative approaches are being used. The PC forwarded a question about the possibility of singing in school to the National Parent Forum of Scotland for consideration in their meeting with the Deputy First Minister. AM to work with interested parents to plan a workable C7 activities program in the absence of a residential given COVID restrictions.

**Renewal Planning** – Overview provided of the 6 streams: Gaelic Language Renewal; Digital Learning; Outdoor Learning; Health & Wellbeing; Equalities and Closing the attainment gap. The plans have been designed so that they can incorporate blended learning. A summary of the plans will be shared with parents early next term.

**Acoustics** - AM updated we are still waiting on work to begin in the large classroom. COVID has had an effect on the Council's schedule. AM will keep the PC updated. The PC continues



to push this issue with CEC including confirmation of acoustic treatment to the 4 previously identified spaces.

**Road Traffic Safety** - An assessment is planned for a Lollipop person.

**Playground** - KW thanked the Playground committee for their support and effort in the playground over the past few years. £20-£25K is available for the playground refurb. Consultation with parents and learners has been done and will inform the design. Discussions have begun with design companies; progress is slow for obvious reasons, but small steps are being made. Little proposals are planned to get us started and make things progress more promptly.

**Staffing** - 2 new Sgoil-Àraich members, Donald MacKinnon is FT Early Years officer, AM is winding down to retirement. Iona Brown will be HT on Mondays. AM thanked KW for her excellent work at TnP. She leaves an excellent legacy, we're sad to see her go, but happy for the next stage of her journey. New PSA recruitment is underway, as is recruitment for a temporary principal teacher to cover IB and a new full time Deputy HT to replace KW.

**1140 hrs Update** - Due to Covid restrictions, Sgoil-Àraich is currently only able to offer 600hr sessions only. This can be increased to 1140 if combined with Oganan, please contact directly for further information.

**Parent Consultations** - November - Parent Consultations, will be on Teams, more detail to follow.

#### 4. Events and fundraising

Bike to School Week - NLW to meet AM to finalise this event

Scary Hair Day - This is planned in place of Halloween. Children are invited to come to school with scary hair or in fancy dress or both!

Supporting the school during Covid- as well as the events there are other options to support the school:

Easyfundraising:

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/bunsgoiltaobhnairce/>

The School Lottery: <https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/lottery/school/bun-sgoil-taobh-na-p%C3%A0irce>

Make a PayPal Donation:

[https://www.paypal.com/cgi-bin/webscr?cmd=\\_s-xclick&hosted\\_button\\_id=Z4MYGT6D49W6A&source=url&fbclid=IwAR2BqjuG7gEHoG4QUS A9TLLJusaYVrIIIRuNyudpNUI6a\\_5fcwEubHq-TOpU](https://www.paypal.com/cgi-bin/webscr?cmd=_s-xclick&hosted_button_id=Z4MYGT6D49W6A&source=url&fbclid=IwAR2BqjuG7gEHoG4QUS A9TLLJusaYVrIIIRuNyudpNUI6a_5fcwEubHq-TOpU)

P1 Welcome Picnic - We usually hold a P1 welcome picnic in the first term. The events and fundraising team is considering how best to do this within COVID guidelines, more to follow.

#### 5. Treasurer's Report

Due to Covid19 restrictions there has been limited activity in the past few months. The only income has been from the lottery, easy fundraising and PayPal. It will remain challenging to fundraise this year and although there are some online events planned, we have been unable to provide the funds that we usually do to the school. It is proposed to keep the same methods of fundraising available going forward.



## For September 2020

There is just over £7,000 in the bank account.

About £2,000 is committed to previous Small Sums Schemes, we hope to allocate another £2,000 to another Small Sums Scheme this year.

The Small Sums Scheme (SSS) supports small project ideas proposed by parents and decided by committee. It will run later in the year, hopefully before Christmas, look out for information on this. Priorities for spending will be identified by the School Funds Group and we will use that to identify fundraising priorities.

### 6. AOB

**Comman Nam Parant (CnP)** - Barbie introduced CnP, the national parent body for GME; which has a local group for Edinburgh, and invited parents to the AGM and to get involved. Find out the latest on progress on the GME secondary school position; Read the minutes of past meetings, sign up to the mailing list and join the conversation on the website: <https://cnpduneideannblog.wordpress.com/> or email [cnpduneideann@gmail.com](mailto:cnpduneideann@gmail.com) for more info.

**Class Reps** - Thanks to all those who've stepped forward to volunteer as class reps still need parents to volunteer for C1P, C2C, C2O, C3S, C4B, C4S, C5R & C7D, to volunteer please email the chairs: [chairs@parantantaobhnairce.org.uk](mailto:chairs@parantantaobhnairce.org.uk)

**Thanks** - The PC also noted thanks to KW for her significant contribution over the years to the development of GME in Edinburgh and Bunsgoil Taobh na Pàirce and wished her well for her move to Bun-Sgoil Shlèite.

**7. Date of next Parent Council meeting** – 18 November 2020, 7-8pm