

## Comhairle nam Pàrant - Bun-sgoil Taobh na Pàirce Clàr-gnothaich Coinneimh Choitcheann Bhliadhna / Annual General Meeting

Meeting note - 3 dhen Ghearran / February 2021 - 19.15 – 20.15

### 1. Welcome:

The Chairs welcomed everyone to the meeting, this was the first PC Teams meeting hosted on the free PC Teams account – previously the school had been administering and hosting. The chat function was used for questions during the meeting. The Co-Chairs thanked the school for all they were doing to operate safely and within guidelines and parents and carers for their resilience and home learning efforts to date.

**Apologies:** Katarzyna Przybycien, Rebecca Wober  
36 attendees

### 2. Minutes of the previous meeting & matters arising:

- Update on School Travel Plan Andy May Ongoing
- Class Reps needed for C2C, C2O, C5R, to volunteer please email chairs. All Ongoing
- Link to be made with Gardening Parent Group and school to progress.  
Chairs will organise the first meeting with a gardening group rep Chairs Ongoing

### 3. Annual General Meeting:

- 3.1 **AGM Report:** The Chairs gave the highlights of the year's activity as detailed in the AGM Report which is available on the PC website: <https://tnpparentcouncil.org.uk/clar-gnothaich/>
- 3.2 **Elections:** Natasha Lee-Walsh agreed to stay on as Co-Chair as did Seamus Spencer. Katarzyna Przybycien agreed to stay on as Treasurer. These nominations were proposed by Barbie Lyon and seconded by Brian Thunder.

The committee has space for a **Secretary** role (or 2). There is also a role for a fundraiser open. No-one volunteered for these roles at the meeting. If you can spare a couple of hours a month to support the PC, please email the Chairs: [chairs@parantantaobhnairce.org.uk](mailto:chairs@parantantaobhnairce.org.uk)

### 4. Treasurer's Report:

- 4.1 Laura Irvine delivered the Finance Report in Kat's absence, which detailed money raised and spent last year. The finance report is available as part of the AGM report on the PC website. Details of the Second Small Sums scheme will be released shortly.

**Action - Treasurer to circulate information on Small Sums Scheme**

### 5. Headteacher's update:

5.1 The Head and members of the senior management team, Iona Brown and Karen Reid gave an update covering home learning, feedback from parent surveys and the return to school for Sgoil Araich and c1-c3, staffing and the playground works.

## **6. PC Communications:**

6.1 The PC has compiled a proposal after researching an alternative PC comms platform to Facebook, WhatsApp, Email and Eventbrite. The proposed platform is Classlist, a free school specific app that brings all the PC coms into one, GDPR compliant space. The platform is used by other Parent Councils across Scotland. The report will be issued to families for consideration and feedback following this meeting. Class Reps will be invited to test and feedback. Consideration and feedback will be discussed at the next PC meeting and with agreement, roll out should take circa 30 days.

**Action - NLW to issue the Classlist proposal to families.**

## **7. Parent Group Updates:**

### **7.1 Events & Fundraising:**

Thanks to all for your support of the digital events this year. Special thanks to the Makers at the Digital Feil who also donated raffle prizes and to the parents for making the events possible at all! PC are very grateful to you all. It's likely that events will continue in the digital space for some if not all of this year. Keep your eyes peeled for updates. As always, event ideas and volunteers are always appreciated.

### **7.2 Eco Group:**

In partnership with FRM Recycling and the school, the Parent Council have set up arrangements for tetrapak recycling. 16 water and milk carton recycling bins were ordered by the school for classrooms with two wheelie bins for the playground. The collections will be made by FRM recycling on a fortnightly basis. The majority of the cost, £865, was met by the PC and its fundraising efforts (many thanks all) with a £100 contribution from the school. They were distributed to the classrooms during the first week of lockdown. The plan is to begin to include milk carton recycling once school lunches are no longer in class, although older students should be able to start this immediately. This is made possible because of the additional work being done by teachers in the lower school to clean up and recycle school lunch containers.

### **7.3 Travel Safety:**

Andy May was not at the meeting but emailed to advise that there is no recent update with the active travel group. Though help with analysing the survey results would be gratefully received. If you can spare a couple of hours a month to support the PC, please email the Chairs: [chairs@parantantaobhnairce.org.uk](mailto:chairs@parantantaobhnairce.org.uk)

## **8. Acoustics:**

8.1 Full update contained within the AGM Report. The PC submitted an Improvement Plan to Council officials in dialogue with the school on 22 December. Officials have advised they are collating the relevant information and will be in contact with the school and PC. The

Head teacher and PC are seeking further technical information from the Council about the panels installed in the large classroom in November 2020, including documentation on acoustic testing and fire safety of the panels.

**9. GME developments:**

- 9.1 Brain Thunder and Barbie Lyon, committee members from Comann nam Pàrant (CnP) Dùn Èideann (the regional parent body for GME) outlined the proposed timeline for the secondary school consultation and implementation. The Council's draft response to the initial stage of informal consultation is due to be published in the week of 15 February, followed by further parental engagement. The final outcome report is due to be published in the week commencing 15 March and to be considered by a Special GIG Education meeting. Thereafter the Council would be aiming to take a draft statutory consultation to a specially convened Education, Children and Families Committee meeting in April w/c 19 April, and if approved progress to a Statutory Consultation from April - November 2021.

The recent Gaelic Implementation Group (GIG) with Council officials, PC reps and CnP had noted progress over the past year particularly through the work of the Gaelic Development Officer in the Council, although funding is still being sought for the post beyond March 2021. This was a role that CnP and PCs had previously campaigned for, so it was very encouraging to hear of progress made in the year the GDO has been in post. Both Barbie and Brian underlined the importance of parental engagement in the secondary school process and going forward. CnP has an extensive archive of meetings, reports and information around the secondary consultation and the Gaelic Language Plan. CnP will be issuing a full report and detailing the next steps in the consultative process in the coming days. Parents can find that information and sign up to the newsletter on this link:

<https://cnpduneideannblog.wordpress.com/contact/>

**10. Any Other Business:**

- 10.1 Contact with pupils own teachers / support for parents with literacy and new maths / future potential for blended learning

The Head was advised of this business before the meeting and these points were covered in the Headteacher's update.

**11. Date of next meeting:**

The next meeting will a Parent Council Meeting on Wednesday 17th March (7.15-8.15 pm) - Virtual

Thank you!