



Comhairle nam Pàrant - Bun-sgoil Taobh na Pàirce

Meeting Minutes

18 dhen Cèitean / May 2022, 19:15 – 20:30

Apologies: S Cameron

Attendees: 22

1. Welcome and introduction from the Chairs

Welcome to the last PC meeting of this year. Two years since our first online meeting, since then ten online PC meetings, 2 online AGMS, well done everyone!

2. Matters arising from and approval of minutes of the previous meeting

- Actions from last meeting: New Pilrig Park info about pick up issues; tete-a-tetes went ahead, summative reports going out in June; Easter work on acoustics went ahead in Sgoil Araich as planned; GME Council election hustings hosted by CnP went ahead as planned
- PC survey: positive responses for involvement from parents and carers, those interested in PC involvement have been contacted initially re. Fèill Samhraidh

3. Aithris a' cheannard / Headteacher's update

A huge thanks to parents and learners for their patience and resilience. Staff updates - congratulations to Mr Vitry on the arrival of baby Arthur and also to Mrs Girvan who is expecting a baby over the summer.

Classes 2022/23 (16 next year)

- Change to initial classing plan - composite class no longer required.
- There will be three streams for C1 and C4; others will have be two stream and C7 will be registered as two classes but will be team taught in the large classroom.
- Current C1, C4, C5 and C6 will be re-organised for next session. Pupils will be consulted on friendship groups etc.in cases of re-organisation, class teachers and SLT will also use detailed knowledge of learners' needs to achieve the best possible learning environment.
- A classing plan is submitted to City of Edinburgh Council based on school roll and this is then approved - proposal is created at school level. Staff allocated on basis of classing plan and this can change up to the October holidays in some instances.
- Information to be shared with parents re. Classing by SLT.

Public Health update

- No more warn and inform
- vigilance/treat in same way as any other illness that impacts their ability to engage in the school day
- Staff testing discontinued and face coverings not mandatory
- staff are supporting any learners who are feeling unsure of themselves in the new 'unrestricted' times

School renewal plan

- Digital deployment of iPads led by Principal Teacher Ms S MacIntrye and ICT coordinator Mr J. P Vitry: roll out completed for P6 and 7 without a hitch, P5 have also been deployed at Taobh na Pairce on a 1-1 basis.
- Reporting in 2022-23: Many parents expressed a desire for more regular, helpful and timely feedback and more understanding of how progress is assessed. This has been combined with staff feedback during January inservice, and at our most recent inservice we looked at this again. Now we need to consult with pupils and focus groups of parents before the end of term to take this forward, and we'll start to trial our new system come the next session.
- Relationships and Positive Behaviour Policy: reviewing the current position and identifying priorities, Ms S MacIntrye will be taking this forward this term with focus groups. One point is our 9 values can be tricky for the learners to remember, looking to refresh and streamline this to allow us to live our values day by day.
- Playground: identified time for Mrs S Moore to be able to continue to take this project forward before the end of term.

Estate Update

- Acoustics: work taken forward as planned in Nursery over Easter, and recommendations made to Fabric Team at City of Edinburgh for next phase, hoping for a summer programme of work which will cover as many classes as possible. An acoustic survey is being carried out on 15 classes and from there the number that can be treated within the budget.
- Staff report the nursery acoustics are making a huge difference
- Taigh an Dorsair: site visited in Easter break, next steps are detailed drawings and specifications, furniture choices etc- will be an opportunity to get learners involved again

End of Year Plans

- There will be school trips/events for all classes
- We're having the Queens' Baton (Baton na Banrigh) as part of the Commonwealth Games
- C6 Games @ The Hub Tuesday 21st June
- Sports' Day - Thurs 9th June (Sgoil Araich Sports Day - 21st June)
- Leavers' Assembly 30 June
- Dates for the diary coming soon to parents and carers- some involve parent attendance

Transitions

- P1 transition: a return to in-school transition again; 'The Bookworm' used across Edinburgh nurseries, good start since majority joining us from outwith Sgoil-araich
- New Entrants' Information Sessions/New Clas 1 Transition Afternoon/Meeting with new families to Taobh na Pairce - meetings online and in-person events; dates shared with families directly.
- Modern Language Transition Event at JGHS for current Clas 6, four tasters in French, German, Mandarin, Spanish took place.
- P7 transition: pupil support leader Ms Garrett and Gaelic Curriculum leader Ms MacIver have visited the school; spreadsheet shared with JGHS; MS Form including a 'about me' section shared with Pupil Support Leader; visit from S6 JGHS Pupil to C7 this Tuesday (17.5.22); in-person transitions 24th May; Gillespie's Games @ Meggetland 13th June; enhanced transitions going ahead
- End of Year celebrations are in the planning stage with learners: likely to involve sand!

4. Aithris an Ionmhasair / Treasurer's report

- In the midst of transitioning the accounts from Laura to Padraic
- Donations continue to come in through Paypal and the school lottery
- Funds ring fenced to reimburse the school for Small Sums Scheme

5. Events and Volunteering (NLW) Summer Fayre 17 June 2022 (1 - 2.30pm)

With great pleasure we can announce there will be a summer event this year, and the events team has started to mobilize!

- We are hoping this year people will come up with stalls, staff them themselves and get stuck in (supported by the TnP Events and Fundraising Team).
- We really encourage Class Reps to get involved, and are very aware that C1, 2 and sgoil-araich parents/carers may not have been involved in the school in this way so it is a great opportunity to get to know the school community.
- Please email summerfeill@gmail.com to get involved.

6. Update on GME secondary school – (CnP)

- Since last meeting CnP wrote to Amanda Hatton, received response 12th May suggesting she will be arranging consultations with parents in the near future.
- Hustings happened, good engagement and interesting, Donna McIver who has been a big champion of GME is now DHT at Darroch, Donald McDonald HT retiring, we have written to the Council to ensure GME is factored into the recruitment process and that the new appointee will be a championer and supporter of GME
- We are writing a letter to introduce ourselves to the newly elected local councillors
- We continue to request that the Cabinet Secretary meet with us to discuss the stalemate re the statutory consultation
- CnP looking to respond to the national Gaelic Language Plan in development by Bord na Gaidhlig
- Thank you to everyone who has been involved, still looking for more involvement especially fluent speakers, cnpduneideann@gmail.com

7. GISBE / AOB

Local Mod info & timetable 27 and 28 May 2022:

<https://www.edinburghlocalmod.com/hybrid-mogruved-2022.html?fbclid=IwAR1Su1IeyDydCPD24L7Q5rOsm677AJREwuZqGoQE8VZV49oVGMPis1tFHco>

and Ceilidh tickets:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/mod-ceilidh-dhun-eideann-tickets-337454765287>

Playground - follow up intro conversation with landscape architects - wardell armstrong

8. Dèitichean nan Coinneamhan ri Thighinn / Date of Next Meeting Wed 21st September (7.15-8.30 pm)

Thanks to everyone for their contributions and for attending.