

Parent Council Steering Group Update 15th June 2016

- Plans to improve Gaelic in all schools are continuing. East Ayrshire (EA) are have currently recruited two Gaelic speaking teachers. There will be a slow change in EA with road signs and other public facing docs (like letterheads) moving over to the English / Gaelic versions as and when they need replaced.
- Named Person Tests - have started and initial tests have proven positive. Clearly still a heated topic. EA have plans to let parents know about the next stages after the summer.
- EA is now a 'Attainment Challenge Authority', due to relatively low attainment within schools. Interestingly this should see a shift in budgets moving from focus on schools with the most pupils, to those who need it the most.
- There is going to be an introduction of a new model of school planning which will see cluster schools working more closely together. This should be fully in place by the end of 2017.
- There was brief mention of working with parents more to get them involved during school time for things like paired reading.
- The next meeting will be on the 14th of September, most likely held in the Council Offices. The agenda for the next meeting will most likely be what future Parent Council Steering Group Meetings should be focused on.
- I asked about getting more EA representation at Loanhead meetings and have been promised positive action on this.