

Bunsgoil Ghàidhlig Ghleann Dail

Coinneamh Chomhairle Nam Parant/ Parent Council Meeting

Note of Meeting –13th Sept 2017

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In attendance:

Donna Bowman (HT), Miss McDonald, Rachel Anderson (Vice Chair), Gillian Clive, Roisin Campbell, Rachel Fhriseal, Kate Cotter, Elaine Dearie, Paula Rezzilli, Hugh O'Connell

Apologies: Eilidh MacDonald, Siobhan Campbell, David Robb, Peggy McKay, Rona MacDonald, Marina McIver, Bea Carroll

Guests: Stephen Foster, Robert and Aiden- Glasgow Life

1. Minute

Minute of AGM not yet available.

Action: Marina and David

2. Stephen Foster, Learning Development Officer, Glasgow Life

- A P1 parents class is currently running in the school on Tuesdays, as is Clann is cluich. This is for p1 to p7, 6.30pm till 8pm. Uptake is not great as it clashes with shinty. Agreed to move to Wednesday evenings after current block of classes. Info will go out from school.
- SF will raise ongoing issue of expensive school let with Donald McPhee
- SF keen to support next Feis. KC will contact SF
- Possibility of a Homework Support Club- SF will update as plans progress
- Gaelic classes run with nurseries are currently being reviewed. Provision is likely to change

3. Head Teacher Report:

Attached

4. Playground Committee

RA keen to re-establish the playground committee. This will need to be a joint venture between the two schools contact. RA has made contact with Jackie Kaliski, the chair of

Glendale PC. She's going to drum up support from Glendale and get back to RA. PR agreed to join.

Action: RA and PR to meet and await feedback from Glendale PC.

5. Finance

£400 received from GCC for PC admin.

£500 was spent on The Tiger Who Came to Tea.

PC account balance is £1325.

Shinty club is only just covering its costs, and would like to buy more equipment.

SPTC membership will be upgraded to 4 Star, meaning that all PC events are insured.

Stephen Culbertson has requested funds for football equipment.

Action: DB will forward his email to RR

Action: KC will approach Glendale about a joint approach to local businesses

6. Wellbeing group

RF raised plans to introduce a buddy bench in to the playground. Plans include a lot of preparatory work with the kids.

Head Teacher Update

13.09.17

Staffing

Gillian Campbell-Thow, QIO for ML and Gaelic, managed to secure funding to enable us to employ another Support for Learning Worker for this year. Her name is Christine Sloan and she will begin on Tuesday 26th September and will be working with our C1 and C2/1 class primarily. We also have Ms Carolyn McInnes back this year to teach French and this year we have opened French up to all of our C4 and C5 children too. Miss MacRuary is about to begin training to enable her to deliver French and as such she is shadowing Miss McInnes while she teaches the C5/4 children. We also have a French language assistant working with the children.

Outdoor Learning

Emma Iller put us in touch with Roisin Lyle-Collins and we have had some initial discussion with her with regards to Outdoor Learning across the school. She has submitted a proposal, which I have shared with Glendale as our outdoor spaces are shared spaces. Mrs Bowman and Miss Moyes are to have a meeting with Roisin in the next week or so to try to iron out the details and to find out more about funding options. Roisin has worked with C1 and C2/1 already to fill the wooden planters in the playground but the aim is to help develop outdoor learning across the school. Miss Moyes has completed training on Outdoor Learning and as such will lead a working party on this for staff during this school year. She also delivers Outdoor Learning as part of Dihaoine Dòigheil.

Clubs

I have been in discussion with James Hemmingsley, our Active Schools coordinator, to arrange curricular and after school clubs. These will begin after the October break and across the year there will be the opportunity for children of all ages to attend clubs. We were due to have an Athletics club for C4-7 begin on Monday, however the coach has been involved in an accident and is out of action for 8 weeks. James will look to rearrange this for another time in the year. We have also made provision for a lunchtime club to encourage children to participate in the Daily Mile and that will be up and running in the next couple of weeks. Staff are also encouraged to include it as part of their PE lessons.

Staff will again lead lunchtime and after school clubs through the medium of Gaelic. These will begin in October and will cover a range of activities which the children have requested at a House Assembly.

I have been in discussion with Stephen Culbertson with regards to our football clubs. Stephen and Mark would like to open this up to C1-3 children and, as a result of the questionnaire sent to parents, the numbers for this are very promising. It looks as if football will have to run on two nights, a Wednesday and a Friday. Stephen and Mark are working out the logistics of this and hope to have the clubs up and running very soon.

Website and Twitter

Miss MacRuary has been working hard to develop a new, more user-friendly website and to populate our twitter feed. The website is a work in progress and will also include class blogs.

PEF

Staff are currently receiving training from Sue Ellis with regards to reading strategies which has been very well received. The purpose of this training is to up-level the skills of the teachers in terms of teaching reading and to benefit all children in the class.

We have a support worker from Quarriers now coming into the school, her name is Josee, and she will be working between ourselves and Glendale on a Thursday. She can work with groups of children or individuals but they must be referred to Quarriers, with permission from parents. We will begin to identify children who we feel may benefit from extra support in their emotional health and wellbeing and seek permission from parents/carers to allow Josee to work with them.

Eowyn Crisfield, a bilingual education expert, will be visiting the school on Thursday 12th and Friday 13th October to deliver parent workshops and staff training. I will issue further information on the parent workshops in the next few days.

SNAG/FLAG

Miss MacDonald and I have had a meeting to discuss how we take SNAG (School Nutrition Action Group) forward in the school and we are also discussing this with Glendale as it makes sense to have a whole campus approach. Susan Millar, a C1 and C3 parent, has also offered her support. We hope to have made further inroads with this by the next PC meeting.

Attainment Challenge

I am continuing to attend training this year on Literacy for All, and the focus is on Reading into Writing. I have secured 4 Gaelic speaking volunteers to deliver paired reading in the school and this will begin after the October break.