

Bunsgoil Ghàidhlig Ghleann Dail

Coinneamh Chomhairle Nam Parant/ Parent Council Meeting

Note of Meeting –9th Nov 2017

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In attendance:

David Robb (Chair), Donna Bowman (HT), Miss McRuary, Gillian Clive, Roisin Campbell, Elaine Dearie, Paula Rezzilli, Marina McIver, Eilidh MacDonald, Peggy McKay, Lynsay Finnie

Apologies: Rachel Anderson (Vice Chair), Rachel Fhriseal , Hugh O'Connell , Siobhan Campbell, Rona MacDonald, Bea Carroll

1. Minute

Minute of AGM not yet available. Minute of Sept meeting accepted.

Action: Marina and David

2. Head Teacher Report:

Attached

3. Finance

PC account balance is £2760.

Request from school fottboll club for money to pay for goals. All agreed. Awaiting details of cost.

Request from staff for contribution towards Xmas presents for kids. All agreed.

Action: Cost of football goals to be emailed to Roisin

4. Promotion of the Parent Council

Discussion around the need to raise the profile of the PC to allow the full parent forum to participate, contribute and raise issues. Agreement that an Information Sheet would be useful for the School blog and for distribution at the Xmas Fayre. Also the need to for a pc email.

Action: Marina McIver will write an Information Sheet on PC role and remit. David Robb will create a pc email address.

5. Transition to SGG

Discussion have begun will SGG regarding the transition activities for P7 to SGG. Science lesson and a language lesson are planned. Also considering a sports/fun day. DB will keep pc updated.

Joint activites with SGG across the year groups were also discussed- plans for shinty, football and STEM events underway. The pc can help with transport costs.

6. **Phonics workshop**- plans in development. PC may run a crèche to facilitate attendance
7. **Clann is Cluich**- attendance still not good. Timing an issue- a late finish for young children.

8. Sub group updates

Music- no update

Sport- no update

Eco- PR updated. Awaiting further detail from another school that has managed to raise money to screen off traffic fumes and noise.

Playground group- SGG have recently had great improvements made to their playground. Plan to get details of cost and provider.

Fundraising- request to pc members and full parent forum for help at the Xmas fayre.

9. GME School consultation- a BGGD rep is required for the working group. All agreed that invite should be made to full parent forum to attend a pre arranged meeting, where a rep will be chosen to represent BGGD.

Action: DR will arrange meeting and invitation to parent forum.

10. SG Consultation- response required on parental involvement.

Date of next meeting ; 17th January 2018, 6.30pm BGGD

PC 09.11.17

Headteacher's Update

SNAG

Mrs Bowman and Miss J MacDonald met with Ms Laird and Mrs Dominy from Glendale on Wednesday 8th November to discuss how best to take SNAG forward as a whole campus. Lots of enthusiasm and great ideas shared. Each year group from both will have a representative on SNAG (14 children), Mrs Dominy and Miss MacDonald will be the lead teachers. Parents will be invited on, Susan Miller has already expressed an interest in being involved. Cordia staff will also be part of this and we will look for other organisations (South Seeds, Urban Roots etc) who can contribute. Our first meeting will be on Monday 4th December. Ideas included each year group (P1-7) from both schools working together to fill a large planter to grow food that we can later harvest and use in cooking lessons. We will continue to do cooking with our classes and we will also ensure food gets the appropriate curricular coverage too. Also had ideas to make a sensory garden, compost bin or wormery etc. We have identified areas for the planters to go but need to check with Education Estate team about the roof garden because of weight/drainage issues. We will need to do some fundraising or look for outside funding opportunities for buying soil, equipment etc.

PEF

Eowyn Crisfield workshops

We were pleased with the turnout for the Parent Workshops for Eowyn Crisfield and have sent the slides to all parents. We have had very positive feedback so far and there would appear to be an appetite for more of this kind of thing. She delivered excellent CPD for staff too with strategies for staff to adopt in the classroom and also highlighted the importance of having a language policy.

Quarriers – Josee is in every Thursday and is working with our children from 9.15 until 10.45. She is currently working with two identified children. Positive response from parents and children and we have other children identified for after Christmas.

Sue Ellis – Staff all received 4 twilight sessions on the 3 domains of reading (Cognitive skills, Cultural Capital and Social Identity). Staff are now working collaboratively with an identified child with the focus being on raising attainment in reading by focussing on the three domains. University of Strathclyde staff have been in to visit the teachers and to give further advice and to receive feedback. Once the input with the identified child is over by Christmas, staff will be expected to take what they have learnt into their everyday teaching practice in the classroom. Staff have been positive and responded well to this and are taking it in their stride, despite the fact that they are having to give up some of their NCCT time deliver these one-to-one sessions.

Attainment Challenge

Mrs Bowman still taking the lead on this – attended training on Reading into Writing strategies. However, this is not our main focus this year for the challenge as we have decided, as a Cluster, to maintain our focus on Reading Strategies which dovetails with the Sue Ellis project through PEF. Mrs Bowman is going to arrange drop-in clinics for staff to attend after the New Year on the Reading into Writing strategies as an overview but we will look to focus on this in more depth again.

Paired Reading Volunteers

Part of our aim for the attainment challenge was to introduce the Scotland Reads: Paired reading initiative. Our 4 paired reading volunteers started after the October break and are coming into school every Monday and Tuesday for 30 mins. They are enjoying the opportunity to come into the school and work with the children and the children who have been selected are enjoying having the opportunity to read with them and get the chance to develop their Gaelic oral language skills too. After a sustained period of time we will be able to assess whether this input has had a positive effect on their reading skills and strategies.

Students

We currently have two PGDE students in C1 and C2/1 until just before Christmas. We also have a GIFT student coming in on an observation placement next week. We will have more students after the New Year. There are approximately 30 students currently studying to become GME teachers although this is likely to be across primary **and** secondary.

Transition

Mrs Bowman met with Sean Duddy, DHT at SGG, to go agree on the transition programme. Since then it has been arranged that P7s will get curricular input from one of the SGG science teachers on Wed 13th December – SGG will use their minibus to transport them over. Mrs Bowman also met with DI MacAulay (Maths) to show him our Maths programme and to discuss what information they will require from us. Mrs Bowman has also been in touch with Mrs Monk, DHT in the primary, to look at organising some other opportunities to get the children together such as a sports transition day which is the practice in authorities such as South Lanarkshire and Edinburgh.

Enrolments

These were changed to online enrolments this year and so far we have 15 children who have enrolled but we expect more than that before Friday.

Hens

Miss J MacDonald has done a power of work to ensure that the hens are now a more integral part of the curriculum. She is undertaking training on Learning for Sustainability and she has used that to get the classes involved in looking after the hens, i.e. feeding them, and for organising the eggs into their boxes so that they can be sold. There is a large waiting list and feedback from families on the eggs has been very good! Children are learning about budgeting for buying food, straw etc from the money that we take in from the sale of the eggs, as well as about life cycles, keeping clean and safe around animals etc.

SNSA update

Only our P7 pupils will have to sit the new standardised assessments and only in English as there are no Gaelic assessments as yet. A norming study is to be carried out in November with one pupil. The norming study is intended to provide data to ensure robust availability of national data. Mrs Bowman attended an information session on SNSA recently and Miss MacDonald (P7) and Miss MacRuary will also attend the practical training.

Clubs

Active Schools:

Fun Games P1-3 on a Monday Lunchtime

Cheerleading (City of Dace) P4-7 Wednesday after school

Badminton (Clyde College) P6-7 Thursday after school

Mile-a-thon Tuesday lunchtimes – currently P5 (3 weeks for each class)

Teachers:

Miss Brown Arts & Crafts for P1-3 Monday after school

Miss Moyes Ceòl P6&7 Wednesday lunchtime

Friendship bench

We have agreement with Glendale to go ahead with the Friendship Bench and to share the cost. We have found a lovely bench on Glasgow Wood Recycling Project website which we think would be suitable. The intention is to use money donated by Stuart Bryce (P2 parent) to buy this but the cost will be shared with Glendale. Rachel, Peggy and Bea have offered to support us in training the children on how to use the bench and to support each other.

Assembly

Rachel Fraser and Miss MacRuary are currently working together to organise an informal assembly at end of month to give families and friends of the school an insight into what we have been doing/learning about so far this session. We were unable to fit in a Harvest assembly at the end of last session (although Mrs Bowman did do a school assembly on Harvest before the holidays) for various reasons.

Christmas

- Mrs Bowman was able to get some more Gaelic nativity scripts and Miss J MacDonald is taking the lead on this. The nativity performance for families will be on the morning of Friday 15th December.
- Parties – our parties will be on the last day of term, as last year. We will require a Santa for the C1-3 party. We will also need to buy presents for Santa to give out.
- Vicky Paton spoke to Mrs Bowman about the possibility of doing a school calendar for fundraising. Time is running out but hope to catch up with her to discuss this soon.

Bill Fraser – The Pollokshields Trust

Mrs Bowman met with Bill Fraser recently to discuss the plans for the bowling green and how that could benefit the school. They are very keen to get schools involved but another issue they are happy to help with us is to put us in touch or help us find funding opportunities for Outdoor learning.

Busy term ahead!

As well as Christmas preparations, we have a lot of exciting opportunities and activities in the coming few weeks. C7/6 will be working with the BBC L.A.B. Scotland to create some short films on the A-Z of Winter (or A-U in Gaelic)! Dè a-nis want to film this. They are also going to be in filming on Monday when Theatre gu Leòr come in to do a workshop on the theme of 'Cèilidh' with C7/6 in the morning. C5/4 (including the 4s from C4/3) will also get the opportunity to participate in the workshop in the afternoon. Morag Stewart, from Sealladh TV, has been in to visit C7/6 as they have been asked to sing Leanabh an Aigh for this year's Christmas special on BBC Alba. They will be filmed in school on Thursday 30th November. C7/6 are also going to Edinburgh in December to visit the parliament as this is their topic.

COSD

Mrs Bowman was at a Head Teacher's meeting recently where a presentation on the Cost of the School Day was delivered. Information has also been sent out to PC chair on this. Important that we are trying as best as we can to keep costs down for families, i.e. subsidising pantos and trips etc.

