

Comann nam Pàrant, Dùn Èideann

AGM Wednesday 22nd May

Present: 28 parents

Apologies: 7 parents

Welcome

Brian Thunder welcomed everyone to the meeting

Action:

- Brian to locate minutes of AGM 2017 (no minutes of AGM 2018 as not quorate)

Annual report

Brian presented the Annual Report - See separate document

Primary and Early Years Group

Kenny Beaton presented the report from this group - See separate document

Actions:

- P&EY Group to ask Anne MacPhail for sgoil-araich waiting list details - are we losing any families to GME because they can't access it at early years level?
- P&EY Group to ask Anne MacPhail for figures on immersion - do we need to lobby CEC for more teachers to cover current pupils? (Note: the Parent Council believes that TnaP will need to recruit nine Gaelic-speaking teachers this summer to cover current pupil numbers)

Secondary Group

Brian presented the report from this group - See separate document

Actions - Extra questions for GIG:

- Leadership - how will the leader of new Gaelic secondary be identified and appointed and at what stage?
- How will CEC ensure the educational benefits of having a wide range of subjects on offer are maintained when there is an inevitable decrease in the range of subjects when the Gaelic pupils move from JGHS (~1300 pupils) to new school (~300 pupils)? And how will they ensure parity of offer in extra curricular activities?

Education Group

Graham Bailey presented the report from this group - See separate document

Action:

- Typo to be corrected on first page of report to read 'parent body' rather than 'parent council'

Communications group - Verbal update by Marianne O'Loughlin

- The group has undertaken a review of how comms currently happens (mailing list, Facebook, Twitter, blog). Difficult to assess how effective they are but only 50% of emails are opened
- Comms group will contact each identified Comms person from each group
- Detailed docs will be posted onto blog, these will be highlighted in short emails
- Short general positive messages on social media too
- Whole situation difficult to understand for new parents so plan to have a general information event early in next session
- Question about funds for printing etc - they will have access to CnamP funds
- Suggestions on other thing to consider: short videos explainers rather than always typed; emails perhaps scheduled for evening delivery rather than during working day

Finance report from Wilma Laird - See separate document

Actions:

- New treasurer to approach Parent Council to consider how we continue to fund dictionaries for school leavers
- New treasurer to consider a bid for funding to BnaG to cover costs associated with parental campaigns over the next year or so.

Comann nam Pàrant Nàiseanta – verbal update from Fiona Stephen

- CnamPN suggested a review of GME across Scotland; lobbied for a summit of key decision makers; now planned for late summer
- CnamPN will attend Faster Rate of Progress summit with Deputy First Minister in August

Action:

- Recommendation to new committee - nominate another representative to join Fiona and to ensure good crossover of representatives

Nomination of committee members:

Remaining as committee members: Wilma Laird, Calum Carlyle, Kevin Leetion, Marianne O'Loughlin, Fiona Stephen, Cath Downie, Sarah Scott, Jennifer Gilmour, Brian Thunder, Colin MacKellar

New committee members:

Barbie Lyon, Graham Bailey, Anna Kinsella, Seámus Spencer, Orla Hobson

Convenor – Kevin Leetion

Secretary – Marianne O'Loughlin

Treasurer - Orla Hobson