

## **Comann nam Pàrant (Nàiseanta) (CnP(N))**

### **Geàrr-chunntas na coinneimh *Minute of meeting***

**Disathairne 8 Màrt 2014 aig 10.30m aig An Léanag, Glaschu**

***Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> March 2014 at 10.30am at An Léanag, Glasgow***

#### **An làthair *Present***

Bob McGowan	Dùn Èideann agus Lodainn
Kathleen Macleod	Dùn Èideann agus Lodainn
Gill Steele	Obar Pheallaidh
Donna Young	Dùn Òmhain
Daibhidh Sutherland	Meadhan Alba
Magaìdh Wentworth	Oifigear Phàrant
Iona McTaggart	Na-h-Eileanan Iar
Mairi MacMillan	Bòrd na Gàidhlig

#### **1. Leisgeulan *Apologies***

Janice Toner	Lannraig a Tuath
Dawn Morgan	Inbhir Nis
Marsaili Dow	Ionmhasair

#### **2. Geàrr-chunntas na coinneimh, 23 Samhain 2013**

***Minute of meeting, 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2013***

The minute of the meeting on 23<sup>rd</sup> November was approved.

Proposed: Gill Steele

Seconded: Kathleen MacLeod

#### **3. Gnothaichean ag èirigh nach eil air a' chlàr-chùisean**

##### ***Matters arising not on agenda***

From §5 MW to invite Parental Involvement Officer from Education Scotland to meet with us to discuss increasing Parental Involvement from GM parents at national level; awaiting appointment of Parental Involvement Officer to Education Scotland

#### **4. Prògram obrach làitheil agus cuisean ag èirigh**

##### ***Current Programme of work and issues***

##### **Bòrd na Gàidhlig contract and secondment of Parental Officer**

BM and MW met with Bòrd na Gàidhlig in January in order to discuss the BnaG proposal of secondment for the Parental Officer. It was agreed in principle at that meeting that the Bòrd would take the proposal forward and provide more detail to the national committee at this meeting. Màiri MacMillan gave the committee a short presentation on the background and said although there currently was a close working relationship between the Parental Officer and the Education team at BnaG, it was hoped the secondment would lead to an even closer working relationship and more efficient use of resources. She indicated that the secondment was for reasons of strategic planning and that the Parental Officer would continue to be employed by Comunn na Gàidhlig with funding for the CnP contract going to CnaG as in previous years. She confirmed that there would be continuing full support for Comann nam Pàrant at national and local level within remit of the Parental Officer. The committee indicated that they were happy for the secondment to go ahead. The secondment period is from the 1<sup>st</sup> of June 2014 until the end of March 2015.

### The Parental Advisory Scheme

A discussion on the role of Parent Advisors had been circulated prior to the meeting. The work has become more than a purely a promotion scheme for Gaelic-medium education with some advisors involved in delivery of pre-school activities such as Bookbug and providing support for early years groups.

In some areas there may be not much of a need for promotion but parents need to be informed on all aspects of GME. Parents are making decisions on their child's education often before they are 3 years old and many of these parents are not able to attend Gaelic pre-school although they may still opt for Gaelic medium in primary. We need to have contact with these parents. There was general discussion on the role with a consensus that the role had to responsive to the situation on the ground in each area.

There was also discussion on how to raise awareness of the role and improve professionalisation of the scheme. It was suggested that the BnaG secondment of the Parental Officer, who manages the scheme, would help, as would the provision of dedicated e-mail contact addresses for advisors which are soon to appear on the website.

There was general discussion from members present on the situation in each of their areas with particular reference to continuing problems with teacher supply.

### **5. Plana Gnìomh Comann nam Pàrant *Comann nam Pàrant Development Plan 2014-15***

The draft paper which had been circulated prior to the meeting was endorsed by the committee.

### **6. Cuairt-litir / *Newsletter***

The latest edition has been produced and on the website. There was discussion on how we can increase the distribution of the newsletter.

Action: MW to e-mail the link to Mairi Morrison at BnaG for distribution to the Early Years groups.

### **7. GISBE / AOCB**

There was no other business raised.

### **An ath choinneamh / Next meeting**

Next meeting is AGM 10<sup>th</sup> May in Edinburgh, venue to be confirmed