

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

### **Geàrr-chunntas na coinneimh**

#### ***Minute of meeting***

Disathairne 14 Ògmhios 2014 aig 10.30m / *Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> June 2014 at 10.30am*

Bun-sgoil Taobh na Pàirce, 139b BonningtonRoad, EH6 5NQ

### **An làthair**

#### ***Present***

Bob McGowan	Dùn Èideann agus Lodainn
Kathleen Macleod	Dùn Èideann agus Lodainn
Gill Steele	Obar Pheallaidh
Daibhidh Sutherland	Meadhan Alba
Dawn Morgan	Inbhir Nis
Marsaili Dow	Ionmhasair
Fiona Stephen	Convenor, CnP Dhùn Èideann
Magaidh Wentworth	Oifigear Phàrant

### **1. Leisgeulan**

#### ***Apologies***

Donna Young	Dùn Òmhain
Iona McTaggart	Na-h-Eileanan Iar

### **2. Geàrr-chunntas na coinneimh, 8<sup>th</sup> Màirt 2014**

#### ***Minute of meeting, 8<sup>th</sup> March 2014***

The minute of the meeting on 8<sup>th</sup> March was approved.

Proposed: Gill Steele

Seconded: Kathleen MacLeod

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

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

From §4 Secondment of Parental Officer commenced on 1<sup>st</sup> June for a period of one year. There will be little change to the remit of the Parental Officer who will continue to provide administrative support for Comann nam Pàrant (Nàiseanta) and manage the Parental Advisory Scheme and other activities under the guidance of Bòrd na Gàidhlig and Comann nam Pàrant.

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

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

Comann nam Pàrant have just held another successful Gaelic week in Edinburgh and children staying overnight in the city were joined at the ceilidh by some Taobh na Pairce parents and children.

The Parental Advisory Scheme continues to grow and we are currently working on developing local plans working with the early year's sector. There are now dedicated e-mail contact addresses for advisors on the website.

Parents continue to have concerns about continuing problems with teacher supply and this issue is currently the focus for the local CnP group in Edinburgh who are planning to lobby for more action from Government. They will asking for more finance to be made available in order to attract teachers. There was also discussion on how many teachers we may be losing from Gaelic-medium to English-medium due to the demands of the Gaelic-medium classroom.

The effect of the new qualifications at secondary was raised. Young people having to choose six subjects instead of eight may result in fewer continuing with Gaelic as a subject which is concerning.

## **5. Aithisg Shoillse air Gàidhlig sa bhun-sgoil /**

### ***Report on Young Speaker's use of Gaelic in the Primary classroom***

This report had been circulated prior to the meeting for discussion. Although a small study, members felt that there were actions that needed to be taken in order to protect the Gaelic language environment in the immersion education classroom. Comann nam Pàrant have previously lobbied Highland Council in support of language support assistants in the class and members felt that this should be taken forward at a national level.

Action: Letter to Bòrd na Gàidhlig and Education Scotland

## **6. Poileasaidh Dìon Dàta Chomann nam Pàrant**

### ***Comann nam Pàrant Data Protection Policy***

This policy, which was distributed as a draft document prior to the meeting, was adopted and can now be circulated to local groups.

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

The latest edition has been produced and distributed. Members were reminded that contributions are always welcome.

## **7. GISBE / AOCB**

There was discussion on the possibility of holding a national event to celebrate the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Comann nam Pàrant (Nàiseanta) and the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the local Comann nam Pàrant groups which are both this year. It

is 5 years since we held our last national conference which was in Inverness and well attended by parents. It would be an opportunity to reflect on the past and look forward to the future. A national event would raise awareness of Comann nam Pàrant and provide parents working in our communities with an opportunity to come together at national level. It was decided that early next year would be the best time for such an event as we will obviously need time to source funds and organise.

Action: MW to progress

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

To be decided.