**Goals for Breadalbane Academy Parent Council in 2015/16**

The following are proposed goals for Breadalbane Academy Parent Council (BAPC) in the 2015-16 academic year.

1. Build expertise within the parent council, in order to more effectively carry out our role.

This includes, but is not necessarily limited to, improved understanding of:

* How the school and its various departments work.
* How the Scottish education system works.
* Best practice in other parent councils.
1. Work with the parents and the school management to understand where and how the parent council can effectively contribute to the school’s success. Where in the system can we make the biggest impact, and what do we have to do?
2. Get more parents actively involved in parent council.
* Increase the number of parents attending and participating in parent council meetings.
* Increase the number of parents signed up to our various communications channels.
* Find an effective way to engage parents across the entire catchment area.

All parents should feel included and feel that the parent council is there to represent them, as their voice in the school.

1. Create stronger links with parent councils in associate primaries and at Pitlochry High School. The aims being:
* Pools resources, where this will be effective.
* Share knowledge and expertise.
* Transition active parents who are involved in associate primary parent councils to BAPC.
1. ASN Group to create a support and knowledge-exchange group for parents of children with additional support needs.
2. Funding and Opportunities Group to establish a transparent system for funding school activities, then raise the funds to make the system work.
3. Class parental representative scheme to run in primary, under leadership of Alison Steele (BAPC). Parent council and school to assess effectiveness at agreed milestones. Aim is to have scheme optimised by year-end, so that we can look at extending to secondary.