

Breadalbane Academy Parent Council

Location:	Breadalbane Academy
Date:	26 th September 2017
Time:	18:30 - 21:00
Chair:	Emma Burtles
Minutes:	Emma Ickeringill
Attendees:	Alison Bell, John Devine, Ryan Hannigan, Libby Hughes, Elizabeth MacPherson, Mairi McAdam, Gill McGregor, Mel Nicoll, Andrew Pointer, Tom Pringle, Lorna Ross, Gill Steel, Matt Stortein, Martin Sutcliffe, Gina Wallace, Tim Woodcock, Karl Wright
Apologies:	

Item	Decision	Action
1 Welcome	Welcomed by Chair	
2. Voting for Position of Chair and Secretary.	Chair and Secretary were not confirmed at the AGM in June. Emma Burtles agreed to stand as Chair. Nominated by Gill Steele. Seconded by Karl Wright Emma Ickeringill agreed to stand as secretary. Nominated by Elizabeth Leighton and seconded by Elizabeth McPherson. Tommy Pringle voted as Treasurer at AGM in June.	
3. Parent council aims	Emma outlined the role of the Parent Council and our aims for the coming year. This includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supporting and improving communication between parents / carers and school. • Organising social events • Organising fundraising events. • Running grants programme for staff and clubs. • Primary playground improvements • Enabling and supporting specific groups such as Commann an Parant and ASN group • Ensuring finances in order <p>Andrew pointed out that main function was to represent views of parents and carers. Emma felt this was obvious but agreed it should be in the list.</p>	Emma to add point to list of main aims.
4. Football within school	Ryan Hannigan brought up issue of lunchtime football in school – they have found it difficult to develop this within school and would like more support. J Devine said he was unaware of any issues but that he had already agreed to meet with the football club for a general discussion. This broadened out to discussion about use of campus facilities. Mairi Macadam suggested importance of Campus Users group. Everyone agreed this is good idea. Also suggestion PC could lobby PKC about pricing.	Mairi McAdam to put word out about this. John Devine to contact Strathearn Community Campus to ask about their User group. Item for next months agenda. Emma to write to PKC about pricing of campus use.
5. Headteachers Report	John Devine went through a range of topics including: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Enhanced Provision – Primary 2. Weekly assemblies in secondary 3. Gaelic Medium:- recruiting new teacher for Gaelic 	

	<p>medium unit</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 4. New Staff: C Stewart Home Economics Principle C McVicer – Nursery 4 Probation teachers including Gaelic 5. Advanced Provision (Sky room) 6. New Merit System 7. Wheel Bench removed from outside 8. National 5 changes 9. National Standardised Assessment P1 P4 P7 S3 10. Head teacher Charter 	
6. Staff recruitment and retention(Karl Wright)	Put on to next meeting.	Emma to add to agenda for next meeting.
7. Exam Results (Tim woodcock)	<p>Upward examination results overall Last years S4's did very well, above average. Last years S5 did better than expected. See links to presentation to PC website. A review of INSIGHT data showed the school making good progress in all these measures.</p>	
8. School Communications survey and progress. Elizabeth Leighton/ Mel Nicoll	<p>School communications survey undertaken in April and report written with clear recommendations. Schools response is an on-going joint responsibility. Progress being made in all areas</p>	<p>JD, Mel and Elizabeth Leighton to meet to get recommendations progressed</p> <p>Communicate schools response to survey</p> <p>Contact J.D. with any issues</p>
9. PC communications)	<p>PC aiming to improve communication through various means including website, Facebook, Banners, Posters, noticeboard Eleanor Laurie is communications rep for Parent Council. Send stories, points, links etc to Eleanor at communications@breadalbaneparents.com</p>	<p>P.C. minutes to be made available at least two weeks before next council meeting. Emma Ickeringall</p> <p>All to send info to Eleanor</p> <p>Emma and Eleanor to finalise banners</p> <p>Emma and Eleanor to revamp poster team</p> <p>Emma to create leaflet.</p>
9. Fundraising , Events, Grants programme and Friends of Breadalbane	<p>Focus of fundraising to be on playground for Primary, sports kit for secondary and outdoor education.</p> <p>Points</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Friends of Breadalbane - need to formalise this to ensure accountability and clarity. This is fundraising part of PC. Gina Wallace Chair Tommy Pringle Treasurer Karen Brown Secretary Gina asked for volunteers to be 'members'. Meetings will be held for a few minutes after PC meetings. 2. Thrift shop – next week. 3. Celiidh – maybe in winter 4. Pub Quiz – end of January 	<p>Friends of Breadalbane ALL to sign up</p>

	<p>5. 50 50 Club – put on hold for moment and will be re-launched for playground.</p> <p>6. Grants applications for sports kit</p>	
10. Finance update (Tommy Pringle)	<p>£7,396.75 but this includes ASN project money. £3,621.25 -EI to confirm with tommy these figures £1,600.00 left in PC account</p>	
11. Sub group updates a) Playground b) ASN c) Commann an Parant	<p>a) Playground – big focus for fundraising for coming year. Cost of playground design more than first thought. £4,000.00 - £4,500.00 Actual cost of project estimated £40,000.00-£50,000.00 Good progress and site visit happening on 26.9.17 PC agreed to pay £2000 towards design costs. School may be able to help at this stage too.</p> <p>b) ASN – a lot of activity going on to support our young people with ASN. Jane Carmicheal keen to get more help as she is not a parent at the school any more.</p> <p>c) Comman an Parant – new teacher for Gaelic medium class.</p>	J.D. to look into match funding the initial PC contribution of £2K
12. AOCB	<p>1. P7/ S1 Transition event – very good.</p> <p>2. Universities meeting/ Vocational meeting – need someone to organise.</p> <p>3. Communications – on to agenda for November</p>	<p>Uni evening for next meeting on agenda.</p> <p>Communications for Nov agenda</p>

Future dates for Parent Council Meetings:

Wednesday 25th October 2017

Thursday 30th November 2017

December 2017 - Social Event

Tuesday 30th January 2018

Wednesday 28th February 2018

Thursday 29th March 2018

Tuesday 24th April 2018

Wednesday 30th May 2018 - *AGM*

June 2018 - Social Event