

## **Minutes of Breadalbane Academy Parent Council Meeting**

Tuesday 20th January 2009 at 6.30pm in the school library

Present: L. Swan (Head Teacher), M. Duncan, W. Olivier (chair), M. Cairncross, N. Ferguson, F. Broad J. Riddell, S. McKinnon C. Nash (Secretary) L. Gibson, H. Murdoch, Cllr I Campbell, T. Christie, A. Pointer

Apologies: S. Olivier, T. Pringle, C. Murray, J. Westwood, A. Irvine (Vice chair) N. McDiarmid Cllr K. Lyall, S. Beattie,

### **1.0 Welcome and apologies**

2.0 Minutes of the meeting 19th November 2008 were circulated and after a couple of alterations were approved.

2.1 The big rock structured wall is awaiting some good weather and a person to paint it with a special paint which will put the children off from attempting to climb it – thankfully no one has attempted it.

2.2 The other was to amend the correct name of the SEEMIS system.

2.3 L. Dixon can no longer be treasurer and she had informed that T Pringle would be willing to fill the post. W. Olivier nominated and M. Cairncross seconded.

### **3.0 Correspondence**

There is a Curriculum for excellence DVD. It was decided that perhaps copies be made rather than the original be handed out and not seen for a while.

The contents of the DVD sound very interesting

### **4.0 Head teacher appointment**

The chair congratulated L Swan on her appointment of Head teacher.

L. Swan thanked the parent council members that were on the selection panel

### **5.0 Curriculum for Excellence**

L. Swan had printed out a small proportion of the Curriculum for excellence and went through a few points.

These included,

what it was all about ? – Raising attainment and achievement, A coherent 3 – 18 curriculum, Closing the gap between the high achievers and the lower achievers, experiences and outcomes (as well as content), personalisation and choice.

What are the issues to be considered? – literacy, numeracy, health and well being – responsibility for all, skills for life, work and leisure, personal learning plans for all, opportunities for personal learning.

Experiences including – Courses, units, interdisciplinary studies, timetabled time out, 'Days out of timetable' (Chinese theme / numeracy), personal support, International experience and extracurricular experience.

### **6.0 Committees**

6.1 Parental Improvement Group – A proposal was put in for this group, and a lot of discussion had, but no real decision made

6.2 Fund raising committee –After discussion on what the fundraising is to be for and what could be done, the fund raising committee members were elected, J. Riddell, F. Broad, M. Cairncross and H. Murdoch.

6.3 Photos – It was discussed about using photo's of the old school from standing and the stages of it being taken down to be used as a fundraiser, by putting some of these pictures on a tea towel etc. Actually how to be utilised as a fund raiser is still being discussed.

## 7.0 Head Teachers Report

### 7.1 Staffing

Mr Bothwell has retired and thanked

S. Beattie is back in school

J. Grey has moved temporarily to Kinloch Rannoch School

Miss McPhee off sick

Mr Coull has joined the maths dept

Mr McNutt has left the Maths dept

### 7.2 Transition

The local management group have worked hard on the transition of P7 – S1 and this was praised by a parent at the meeting.

There has been a lot of work on the transition of additional support pupils by M.Duncan

### 7.3 Higher Education meeting

This was held last week and there was a very good turn out

A lot of S2 parents attended which was good to see as the S2 choices are coming up.

## 8.0 AOCB

8.1 Fair Trade school – there is already a meeting arranged and the P/T Geography is very keen to get involved

8.2 Computer network in the new school – the question was raised about wireless and the effects on our children. It is not known at present if there will be much wireless in the new school and LS is going to speak to PKC in respect of this.

8.3 Children walking en-mass – is frightening the older generation especially in this icy weather. There was also an incident of a snowball being thrown and it hitting a window – MD / LS to action

8.4 Transport – there is one bus that is dropping off the children in Kenmore Street, however where they are stopping is actually causing more cause for concern. If they could be asked to drop off slightly passed the junction into Alma Avenue this would be a safer option than where they are dropping off at present

Meeting closed at 8.30pm

Next meeting date

Tuesday 24th February 2009