

**Draft minutes of Breadalbane Academy Parent Council Meeting held on Tuesday 31st
March 2009 at 6.30pm in the school library**

Present: A. Irvine (Vice chair), N. McDiarmid L. Gibson, C. Nash (Secretary), C. Bryson, H. Murdoch, M. Murdoch, C. Murray (Depute head), F. Lumsden, M. Cairncross, F. Broad, J. Riddell

Apologies: L. Swan (Head Teacher), M. Duncan, S. Olivier, T. Pringle, K. Lyall, J. Westwood, W. Olivier (Chair), S. Beattie, I. Campbell, N. Ferguson, S. Mckinnon

1.0 Welcome and apologies

2.0 Minutes of the meeting 24th February 2009 were circulated and approved – A. Irvine and M. Cairncross.

Discussion was also had over the minutes being put into the Quair, comment, website etc. before they were approved. It was decided that once the minutes have been circulated and a minimum of 2 people have approved them by email that they could be circulated out to the general public before the next meeting. – **CN** (as secretary) to get at least 2 approvals by email before these can go out, and no one can submit minutes to anyone until this has been done.

3.0 Accounts

T. Pringle has submitted to P&K the year ending accounts for 2007/8. The current balance of the account has to be emailed to members of the PC by email. **CN** to do

4.0 Fundraising Committee

Discussed the brief notes of their meeting held on Wednesday 4th march 2009. It was decided that one BIG FUN DAY would be more beneficial in time management.

The date of this is still to be arranged but thought we would work towards it being in June 2010 as this will be the end of the school year and after we will be moving out of the decant building in to the new School (A whole day with BBQ, silent auction etc).

The use of funds raised was discussed but as the school is in a s state of flux there was no decision made at present.

The £4000.00 for the 'Art' was discussed also.

4.1 The school mini buses were discussed – who maintains these? Repairs, services etc **CM to speak to JW**

5.0 Events organised by pupils

Discussion took place about these events organised by pupils and the fact that they have had to cancel things at the last minute recently.

It was discussed if the Charities/dance committees could shadow and help the fundraising committee – this would help them learn about planning in advance and could go towards part of their D of E.

6.0 HMle progress meeting

S. Devlin had approached CN about meeting with the PC to discuss about the progress.

The committee would like to invite S. Devlin to the next meeting.

However, should S. Devlin require an earlier meeting or smaller groups, this can be arranged.

PC members would like to have an insight to some of the questions that would be asked. **CN** to speak with S. Devlin

7.0 Recent publicity

Recently there was an article in the local paper the English prelim results.

The PC asked for clarification of the situation. There were problems due to illness, teaching had carried on but the exam prelim marking had been delayed.

By the time the article had appeared in the paper the issues had been resolved.

Holiday revision classes have been organised with 'Standard' and 'Higher' grade classes being focused on to ensure no disruption.

Communication between school, parents and children could have been a bit better

If anyone has any concerns regarding this or any other matter they are encouraged to phone the school and ask for a meeting with one of the relevant teachers or the Senior Management Team. (SMT)

8.0 AOCB

8.1 Take your child to work day – this is to be held on Thursday 23rd April.

Discussion was had with questions being raised

- Of the value of it in a small community with a limited number of local businesses that can take children?
- What value the children get from it?
- Does it have to happen? Or could we make the decision at local level to review what ages take part and whether it should actually go ahead?
- The timing of the forms being sent home is an issue too, in respect of not allowing enough time to read the forms, find placements for the children and returning the forms.
- The forms received from the Primary school were last year's forms where the children had changed the dates. This looks bad on the school, however these forms were sent from P&K and did not come from the school.

8.2 Litter pick

- This is being held on Friday 3rd April
- It was asked that when this took place if the track up by Guinach house could be done as well.
- the litter pick is organised locally and is for the whole community to participate in, but has been arranged in the community for Thursday 2nd April and not Friday 3rd April

Meeting closed at 7.45pm

Next meeting dates

Tuesday 26th May 2009