

## **Breadalbane Academy Parent Council**

### **Final Print of Minutes for Meeting held on 28<sup>th</sup> September 2010**

#### **Present**

H Taylor (acting chair), N Menzies, N Ferguson, H Murdoch, C Murray, S McKinnon, Y Stewart, B Cameron, J Dunbar (Minutes)

#### **Apologies**

A Irvine, L Swan, M Cairncross, C Nash

#### **Welcome**

H Taylor welcomed everyone to the meeting.

#### **Parent Council Communication Update**

L Swan and H Taylor are going to revise and update the newsletter, H Taylor will PDF the document. With 92% of parents e-mail addresses it was thought this was a good way to communicate what is happening. H Taylor suggested that Melvyn could update the website, archiving old minutes and uploading the latest minutes and also having a link to the newsletter.

The second hand shop for school blazers will be put in the newsletter as a recycling system – extending to other items in future. H Murdoch asked if there would be quality control regarding the return of blazers and would a set fee be paid for blazers which reach the control level. It was generally felt that this would be a reasonable approach.

H Taylor is proposing putting in the newsletter dates of Parent Contact Evenings.

H Taylor proposed that the Parent Council make sure there is PC representation at all Parent Contact evenings to engage with parents and gather their views and ideas. A flip chart would be used to encourage parents to contribute. As November sees several parent's evenings – next meeting will be looking for volunteers to man the PC stand – serve teas and coffees and encourage parents to give their views/thoughts/ideas.

#### **Pipe Band Update**

The selected Tartan has been ordered.

Nothing to report on any grants applications, but news expected soon.

#### **PC Fund Raising**

A discussion took place around the Pipe Band hosting a function around Christmas time to replenish the PC coffers – but with the proposed move being so close to the end of term it was decided that it would be better to wait till the New Year. C Murray explained that a programme of events would already be organised.

H Taylor will speak to G Clarke about a suitable date and fundraising subgroup should be encouraged to think about potential events in the new school.

## **A.O.B**

A discussion took place regarding the lack of communication, it was generally felt that this has been the case for several years and no improvement has been made. Group call is expensive and e-mail is more efficient but what happens to the parents who do not have access to e-mail. C Murray explained that due to supply staff and the staffing levels in the office continuity has been an issue lately. It was hoped that once the office staffing had been resolved that systems would be put in place to ensure that parents not on the email list get hard copies of all communications sent out by email.

S McKinnon asked about the school closures due to the move and if PKC could assist with childcare for people who are in full time employment. A Letter will be sent from the Parent Council to Rev Mark Drane asking if something through the church could be organised.

The School Handbook on PKC website, Melvyn Turnbull is to put a link to it on the Breadalbane Academy website.

C Murray handed round a copy of the school "Quality and Standards report" – a brief document which all schools provide around September. Parents will be sent a copy of this shortly. C Murray will do a further report on SQA exam results at the next Parent Council meeting.

Staffing update -G Watson (Maths) is now in post, Jamie McCormack (Physics) is now in post, Nursery Position vacant, closing date 29<sup>th</sup> September, Admin Teams – vacancies occurred in Aug – Sept which have yet to be filled, Campus Supervisor – interviews 29<sup>th</sup> Sept, Admin Assistant - position advertised.

All pupils and staff have access to GLOW waiting. A general discussion regarding glow followed. C Murray explained that how all pupils will be encouraged to use GLOW for specific purpose and that this will not only encourage them to use it but also encourage staff to use it. It is planned that S1 will be the first pupils to use GLOW within a planned project and that in time other year groups will make use of it, allowing pupils to "Grow with Glow". Parents will eventually be given their own GLOW passwords but may use their child's password once they have it. More can be found out about GLOW on the Learning and Teaching Scotland website.

The campus is looking good and the dates are on track, boxes are arriving and rooms will be taken offline for storage purposes.

With no other competent business the meeting closed at 7.50pm

Date of the next meeting is 26<sup>th</sup> October 2010

## **Future Meeting Dates**

30<sup>th</sup> November 2010

25<sup>th</sup> January 2011 (Julie may not be available for minutes but will confirm)

22<sup>nd</sup> February 2011

29<sup>th</sup> March 2011

26<sup>th</sup> April 2011

31<sup>st</sup> May 2011

B Cameron will fill in the Let Form for these dates and return it to the office.