

Breadalbane Academy Parent Council

Final Draft of the Minutes for the Meeting held on Tuesday 29th March 2011

Present

A Irvine (Chair) J Dunbar (Minutes) L Swan, C Nash, J Hickman, Henry Murdoch, C Bryson

Apologies

N Ferguson, M Cairncross, T Pringle, H Taylor, B Cameron, L Dixon

Welcome

A Irvine welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Previous Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as read.

Open Day Feedback

The open day was a great success with an appox 2000 people passing through the Campus. LS commented that there was a real community feel to the whole day and the procession was welcomed by the community with people coming to doors and waving from windows. Everyone present agreed they had only heard positive feedback from the day. A film maker was present on the day and a DVD is being produced. Parent Council congratulated LS and her team on the success of the event.

Update on War Memorial, Dux Board and Bell

HT had sent an email to AI suggesting that the war memorial could be mounted on a wheeled stand so that it could be moved about as required and also to alleviate the need to ask Mitie for permission to mount the memorial in a fixed position. LS explained that permission had already been granted for this and a general discussion followed regarding possible places for the position of the War Memorial. Those present at the meeting then went and looked at the war memorial and took a short walkabout – the result of which it was agreed that the memorial would be positioned just through the doors from Reception above the corridor which leads off to the right. HM is going to ask Angus Ross to give the memorial a once over and replace any missing brass screws etc and give it a general clean up, it would then be positioned with some spotlighting highlighting the memorial. LS made a suggestion that the DUX board could be updated and modernised perhaps in Perspex with coloured writing, this was felt to be a good idea, further expanded on by perhaps writing the names in house colours. It wasn't known how easy this would be to research. LS will email all staff etc and get the ball rolling on this.

The sculptures outside the entrance to the building are now a permanent feature; they were designed by the pupils and with the assistance of an artist were produced by them. This was possible with the £4,000 grant which was granted in 2010. They are a growing sculpture and will be looked after by the pupils with assistance from the artist.

End of Term Event

AL had sent out an email to a large group and had a very apathetic reply, ie only respondents. The people present at the meeting felt a little dejected by this and it was felt that an end of term event would be a bit of a washout. However after much discussion surrounding this it was agreed that a

Battle of the Bands should be staged and this was welcomed by all present, a bit of work will be required but AI, HM and JD agreed to get together. AI and HM were going to look at what would be required for the initial prep but as a precaution the rooms were booked for Thur 23rd June.

A discussion then took place round the lack of interest in the Parent Council and how this could be improved upon, it was agreed that the AGM in May would be classed as a social event with wine and nibbles and each member of the Parent Council should bring at least 2 new people along to see what the Parent Council do and how they would benefit it by joining. An email will also be sent to all contacts on the email list.

It was also suggested that maybe a guest speaker to attend the AGM would be a good idea but no firm ideas came to mind at the meeting any suggestions would be welcomed.

AOB

LS spoke about the recent fundraising day for Comic Relief, staff and pupils alike embraced the house colours dressing down day and a stunning £1435 was raised.

With no other competent business the meeting closed at 8pm

Next meeting is AGM on 31st May 2011