

**ACTION NOTE OF MEETING**

**Present** Fiona Broad, Ian Campbell, Henry Murdoch, Nigel Lumsden, Andrew Pointer, Tommy Pringle, Linda Swan, Avril Taylor, Helen Taylor, (Chair), Mike Williamson, Karl Wright, Sarah Yearsley, (Clerk)

**Apologies:** Karen Brown, Ricky Kaplan, Caroline Nash, Mel Nicol

<b>Agenda Item</b>	<b>Action Noted</b>	<b>Action required</b>	<b>Action by</b>
<b>Welcome &amp; Apologies</b>	Apologies as above		
<b>1. Agenda</b>	This was the Annual Parent Forum meeting – where the Parent Council reported on its activities, presented audited accounts and at which elections or nominations for the Parent Council committee were held.		
<b>2. Chair's Report from Helen Taylor</b>	A copy of Helen Taylor's report is attached at the end of these notes.		
<b>3. Treasurer's Report from Tommy Pringle</b>	<p>The accounts for 2010-11 have been audited.</p> <p>Fundraising total for April 2011 – March 2012</p> <p>Beetle Drive - £248.86 Thrift Shop - £799.07 Ceilidh - £500.75 Quiz Night - £177.70 Total       £1726.38</p> <p>The thrift shop in 2012 has raised £1137 with more to come in. This will show in the books for 12-13</p>		



	<p>that parents were aware that Community week was happening and would have liked more information. PC members commented that the website should be used more to get this information across. AP also suggested using Facebook.</p> <p><b>Uniform</b> – we referred briefly to previous lengthy discussions about uniform. TP was concerned that the rules on uniform might be relaxed. AP and KW were unhappy about the potential switch to compulsory blazers. KW felt that we should let the uniform issue lie for a year and focus on other things. LS is hopeful that the blazer will be adopted more widely.</p> <p><b>The cost of school meals was raised</b> – LS said that these issues should be raised through the Pupil Council.</p> <p><b>Homework</b> – do primary get more homework than secondary? – LS referred us to the homework section on the school website which should answer questions around how much homework should be received.</p> <p><b>Where can children hang out at lunchtime</b> – LS responded that there are number of areas if the library is crowded; the support corridor, rooms to meet to do homework together, the dining centre, music rooms and various clubs and activities.</p> <p><b>Were some children unable to go to Lochgoilhead because they couldn't afford it?</b> LS said that the school takes care to ensure that all children can attend and asks families who may need funding support in a sensitive way.</p> <p><b>No 23 Stagecoach bus service</b> – concerns over the reliability and safety of the service were raised. Avril Taylor asked about whether some primary school teachers who are currently on temporary contracts would become permanent as parents are keen to know. LS explained that staffing is an ongoing concern for her. The way that teachers are employed means that timing is tricky to handle along with PKC needing to provide jobs for a certain number of</p>		
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	<p>probationer teachers. There can also be challenges around persuading teachers to come to work in Aberfeldy which can be perceived to be remote in comparison to Perth and Dundee.</p> <p>HT asked if there is any way that the PC can support LS in this. LS explained that the rules are laid down by government and that the process is quite lengthy and complicated. LS confirmed that there will be composite classes in primary again in 2012/13.</p> <p>Several members of the PC raised concerns about the recent lack of a Gaelic teacher has meant that children from Kenmore and Glen Lyon were unable to go in for the Mod.</p> <p>HT commented that in the run up to the end of term it would be good to have a diary of what's happening</p> <p>KW has looked at whether it would be economic to set up a PC website. It will be cheap at approx £7. We agreed that KW could go ahead and buy the domain name and set it up. HT thought it was a good idea but didn't want to tread on Melvyn Turnbull's toes. LS felt that this wouldn't be a problem as there would still be PC information on the school website. KW is happy to keep the website going.</p> <p>TP explained that money from PKC is available to PC for admin costs so should be allocated to this.</p> <p>We also discussed having photos of PC members and members of senior members of staff. NL happy to give time to take photos of staff.</p> <p>War memorial – LS said that this is looking good.</p> <p>Progress has been made.</p>	<p>Circulate list of events</p> <p>Set up PC website</p>	<p>LS</p> <p>KW</p>
<b>6. Date and time of next meeting</b>	<p>6.30pm, Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> August, Breadalbane Academy, ALL WELCOME</p>		

## **Annual Parent Forum Meeting – Report from the Chair**

Good evening and welcome to the Annual Breadalbane Academy parent forum meeting. Tonight I will report on what the Parent Council has done over the past year, the issues we have discussed and what we have tried to achieve. Tommy, our treasurer, will give a run down of what funds we have raised – the initiatives we have supported and how much is in the bank. And then we will appoint/elect the office bearers and members of the council for the forthcoming year.

I was asked to take on the role of chair of the PC this time last year, and did so on the proviso that we organised a programme of events. I am pleased to say that we did get ourselves organised and soon after the start of the 2011/2012 session we sent out a 'what's on' to all parents. The events were designed to be a mixture of fundraising/social events and those designed to give parents a better insight into the education of their children.

In September our first event was one of the latter. Colin Murray (dht) presented an analysis of the summer's exam results – Standard grades, highs and advanced highs - including comparisons with how we had performed previously and how we compared to other schools. He also explained about the target setting system, where teachers work with each pupil to set targets in the run up to exams. As always this event was very informative. Sadly this event was not well attended, however there were some new faces who found it a real eye opener and very worthwhile attending.

In November we held a Beetle Drive in the main hall, with the help of the Pupil Council. Laura Bailey from the pupil council helped to organise the event. Thanks also go to Henry Murdoch, Tiffy Shedden and all those who contributed home baking – which was very popular. Also a special mention to the Breathe contingent with Franny McGrath who helped to swell the numbers.

November also saw our Drink and Drugs awareness evening – where we had a variety of speakers, including Franny McGrath, Nicky Nicholl and Ricky Caplan. Again the event was not well attended which was unfortunate as the evening was very interesting.

November also saw the first Thrift shop of the year – at the Locus Centre. A big thanks goes to Bec Cameron who had the unenviable task of getting enough volunteers to man the shop for the week. It proved to be a real success, with thanks to all those who helped to set up, man it and empty it at the end of the week. A special thanks to Penny Grace who took all the left over stock down to the Cash for clothes place in Perth and netted an extra £70 or so.

In January we held a repeat of the Ceilidh in the Campus – which although less busy than the year before, was a fun event which gave an opportunity for our talented young people to shine on stage, and everyone a chance to work off some calories. Thanks to Pete Butter and Melvyn Turnbull and all the performers.

In February we hosted a Curriculum for Excellence evening, which covered the whole spectrum from nursery to the senior stage, with informative presentations from Mr Murray and a variety of other school staff, and some pupils. After an ultimatum type email we had about 35 people sign up to come to the event – and they did all indeed come – so better attended than previous ones!