

ACTION NOTE OF MEETING

Present: Cllr Ian Campbell, David McCluskey, Caroline Nash, (Chair), Andrew Pointer, Linda Swan, Cllr Mike Williamson, Sarah Yearsley, (Clerk)

Apologies: Graham Armstrong, Karen Brown, Fiona Macdonald, Mel Nicol, Tommy Pringle, Avril Taylor, Karl Wright

Agenda Item	Action Noted	Action required	Action by
1. Welcome & Apologies	Apologies as above CN welcomed those present. She is looking into governance issues re electing Parent Council members as we only elected office bearers and not ordinary members at the meeting in May 2013. She reminded the meetings that specific individual questions should be raised with the school rather than at PC meetings.	liaise with PKC re electing PC members	CN
2. Headteacher's report	LS feedback on several changes to staffing at the Primary school over the summer. Emily Ross is on secondment at St John's Academy and Mrs Meiklem is acting up as Depute. Parents at the Primary have received letters outlining the staffing changes. In the senior school two new English teachers have been recruited, along with new staff in Biology, PE and Special Educational Needs, (SEN). SQA exam results – overall the school are pleased with results. The school will hold an information evening for parents to explain the results. The school are keen for parents to continue to play an encouraging role in supporting young people who stay on to study in 6 th year. Uniform – LS is pleased to see the children looking very smart at the beginning of term. The school still want to encourage more children to wear blazers and to discourage wearing of hoodies. The school has decided to give all pupils a locker free of charge to		

	ensure that they have somewhere to store their bags etc safely away from corridors.		
3. Update on 50/50 club	CN updated the meeting on progress with the 50/50 club with information from Avril Taylor who is running the club. They have made a good start and have sold 31 balls so far. The draw will take place on 28 th of each month and the winning number will be displayed on at reception and on the school website. The first draw is a double draw.	Encourage staff to join 50/50 club	DMc
4. Rural School closure consultation meeting	This was reported to have been a useful meeting attended by Avril Taylor, AP and MW. It was not specifically about local/PKC school closures but more about government policy and developing a transparent approach. The consultation document is available online and PKC was one of only three areas in Scotland consulted. The Government is strengthening legislation so that parents have more say.		
5. Incentivising and recognising achievement	We discussed how the school recognises achievement, particularly with reference to boys in S1 – 3 as there appeared to be more girls than boys receiving awards at the end of term celebration of achievement in June. LS and DMc said that the school was aware of this as an ongoing issue and would continue to use different methods of incentivising pupils to achieve including house points, incentivising groups and developing the respect agenda where pupils are encouraged to respect themselves and each other. IC suggested looking for role models for boys.		
6.Fundraising	CN and FMac have discussed ideas for this school year. They suggested a Pub Quiz at the Chraggs in February 2014, a Ladies Night and a Children's Quiz Night which is still being planned. CN suggested that we discuss fundraising ideas at the next meeting. We discussed what any money raised might be used for and it was felt to be important to support the school through using funds raised to help with the costs of		

	transport. We also discussed allocating funds so that the school can continue to offer funding to families who struggle to pay for trips like the Lochgoilhead trip.		
AOCB	<p>AP mentioned that when children from the school went to plant trees the trustees had been shocked at the attitude of a couple S3s. The school were aware of this and the young people involved had been brought back from the trip and not been allowed to take part in other similar activities.</p> <p>Mrs Swan said that they had also received a letter praising the behaviour and attitude of the rest of the pupils.</p> <p>We discussed moving the PC meetings to other times and days to try to bring in more parents. We agreed to stick to the usual time for the next meeting and then draw up a new schedule.</p>		
Next Meeting	Tuesday 24 September at 6.30pm, Breadalbane Academy, ALL WELCOME		