

ACTION NOTE OF EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING

Present: Graham Armstrong, Cathy Deeks, Jane Kennedy, Fiona Macdonald, (Deputy Chair), David McCluskey, Natasha Morris, Henry Murdoch, Caroline Nash, (Chair), Andrew Pointer, Linda Swan (Headteacher), Avril Taylor, Karl Wright, Sarah Yearsley, (Clerk).

Apologies: Jamie Pringle, Tommy Pringle.

Agenda Item	Action Noted	Action required	Action by
1. Welcome & Apologies	Apologies as above CN welcomed those present. She reminded the meetings that specific individual questions should be raised with the school rather than at PC meetings.		
2. Constitution	CN explained that this was an Extraordinary General Meeting because in previous years the parts of the Parent Council constitution covering election of ordinary members to the Parent Council had not been followed and no ordinary members were elected at the AGM in May 2013. The meeting on 24 th September was postponed until CN had had time to do some research. After consultation with PKC and other research she felt that we should rectify this issue re electing members to the Parent Council. CN also suggested some changes to the current constitution to allow members of the public to attend PC meetings unless the Headteacher or members of the PC felt that the discussions needed to be kept closed to discuss confidential issues. We discussed the changes and agreed to feedback on the amended constitution at the next meeting. Several questions over procedure around voting people onto the Parent Council were raised and AP felt that it wasn't necessary to call this meeting an EGM but CN had been advised that it should be done this way. People were voted onto the PC in the first year of operation but not subsequently and this issue	Review changes to constitution and feedback at next mtg	All

	<p>hadn't arisen. CN explained that the PC does need to have members voted on to it but that all parents/guardians of children at the school are members of the Parent Forum and are welcome at meetings. We voted the parents attending the meeting onto the Parent Council as follows:</p> <table><tr><td>Nominee to join PC</td><td>nominated by</td></tr><tr><td>Karl Wright</td><td>Henry Murdoch</td></tr><tr><td>Henry Murdoch</td><td>Natasha Morris</td></tr><tr><td>Natasha Morris</td><td>Avril Taylor</td></tr><tr><td>Avril Taylor</td><td>Sarah Yearsley</td></tr><tr><td>Andrew Pointer</td><td>Caroline Nash</td></tr><tr><td>Jane Kennedy</td><td>Fiona Macdonald</td></tr><tr><td>Kathy Deeks</td><td>Jane Kennedy</td></tr></table> <p>AP asked if new members could join at any time. CN said yes. As long as there was space as at present it is set at 20 members. This could be looked at again at the AGM</p>	Nominee to join PC	nominated by	Karl Wright	Henry Murdoch	Henry Murdoch	Natasha Morris	Natasha Morris	Avril Taylor	Avril Taylor	Sarah Yearsley	Andrew Pointer	Caroline Nash	Jane Kennedy	Fiona Macdonald	Kathy Deeks	Jane Kennedy		
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3. Evidence 2 Success survey	<p>LS explained that Parent Councils have been given the information from the E2S surveys before schools. The school has now received a hard copy of the report but the staff had not had time to discuss it. CN has contacted Fiona MacKay, Service Manager from PKC with responsibility for dissemination of the data from the survey and arranged for her to speak at the next PC mtg which will be at 6pm on 12th November as this is the only time Fiona is available. Fiona Mackay suggested that other services such as health and social work along to that meeting. CN has already contacted Youth services and Fiona is going to contact Social work and Health.</p> <p>LS said that the research poses a lot of questions for the school and the community. AP is concerned about the robustness of the data collection and analysis methods and questions whether we should give credence to the research. KW is interested in whether existing school data on truancy correlates to the data collected for Breadalbane Academy through E2S. LS said that this research was a brave thing for PKC</p>																		

	<p>will have some study leave and be brought back into school for subject specific study days. This is still in the process of being confirmed.</p> <p>Tree of Life - this series of hanging banners of trees, one for each house, was Sheila Beattie's idea and children, staff and members of the community have sewn leaves for the trees and they are now ready to be installed at the back of the stage. The school will hold a celebratory event in memory of Sheila to install them.</p> <p>Macmillan Cancer Coffee morning – the school raised £1010 – well done to all concerned.</p>		
5. Local Media	<p>AP asked for this item to be on the agenda in light of some recent negative publicity in Comment about antisocial behaviour on the part of BA pupils who go into town at lunchtimes. He felt it was a shame that the meeting at the end of September was postponed as we could have discussed these issues then. AP felt that the school had been maligned in the article. The general view was that the school student who wrote the article had done well to stand up and say what he did.</p> <p>There are some problems with litter and shoplifting. The view of the meeting was also that those young people causing a nuisance were generally in the minority. The school have already asked local businesses about shoplifting and the majority said it was not a problem. It was recognised that local businesses rely on the income they receive from BA students at lunchtime.</p> <p>AT explained that the Community Council and Local Business Association are going to approach the school to meet to discuss these issues after the October break.</p> <p>DMc explained that students on detention are not allowed into town. LS explained that the school does not always get the support of parents when trying to deal with these issues.</p> <p>AP said that the school needs to be seen to be doing</p>		

	<p>something about this. The school is working hard on cracking down on smoking. HM felt that the school do an admirable job. There are a few students who make a bad impression.</p> <p>We discussed options for the school around discipline such as excluding disruptive pupils but LS explains that the school has to be inclusive and its job is to teach the young people. They are well managed at school it's when they are outside that there can be problems. There are problems with older people influencing them outside school. The meeting was concerned over the article in Comment and discussed ways that the school could have a right to reply. One option is to put out positive stories about the school and this could be done through the Community Council's regular column in Comment. DMc and LS feedback that the pupils had been very upset by the comments in the article in Comment.</p>	Include positive news about BA in article for Comment	AT
6.Update on 50/50 Club	37 numbers have been sold. We need to keep pushing sales to help the prize fund to go up. DMc won the third draw. Forms are available from AT at the Wishing Well and at the Campus reception.		
6. SQA Results	DMc will go over the results in more detail at the next meeting.		
7. Fundraising	<p>CN still needs to arrange a date for the quiz at the Chraggs.(Although it will be in February, which is a quiet time for the Chraggs)</p> <p>A Ladies Night is another idea – the meeting felt that this might work better after Christmas. (Possibility February before Valentine's day)</p> <p>The school is hosting a Christmas Fayre. GA suggested that the PC attend/have a stall. This was felt to be a good idea. The PC have been offered the</p>	Prepare for selling tea, coffee etc at Xmas lights switch on	CN, FMac

	<p>opportunity to sell tea, coffee and cakes in the Locus Centre for the Aberfeldy Xmas Lights switch on, on 30th November. HM offered to provide paper cups. CN and FMac will need plenty of support to do this. A children's quiz has also been suggested, to take place in the winter months</p>		
8. AOCB	<p>AT talked about the regeneration of the town square and lower Birks. This is a long term project but they will want to involve the school at some point. They are going to do a questionnaire about the project with the town and local children.</p> <p>AP asked if there is any progress on getting a noticeboard outside the Primary School. LS said that they have got the board it just needs to be installed. LS still wants more signage in Gaelic.</p> <p>AP asked about progress on a board with photos of key staff in the campus entrance. The photos are nearly all taken and hopefully the rest can be done at the November INSET day.</p>	<p>Arrange for noticeboard to be put up</p> <p>Arrange for Nigel Lumsden to take photos at INSET day if poss</p>	<p>LS</p> <p>LS</p>
9. Date and time of next meeting	<p>Tuesday 12th November 6pm. Breadalbane Community Campus</p> <p>There will be two items only on the agenda:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Evidence 2 Success survey • SQA results 		