

Time: 6:30 – 8:30pm

Minutes: Alison Steele (AS)

John Devine (JD)	N Ferguson (NF)	Mel Nicoll (MN)
Grahame Nicoll (GN)	Eileen Merry (EM)	Nicolette Lamfers (NL)
Anna Seward (AS)	Scott Douglas (SD)	Andrew Pointer (AP)

Emma Burtles	Eleanor Laurie	Vicky Marshall
Karl Wright		

Parent Council Minutes

	<p>012 Further work to crossing at bus bay – on agenda</p> <p>013 Higher Ed/University Evening – on agenda</p> <p>014 PC Meeting format change – complete</p> <p>015 Invite Computer Teacher to talk to PC – February 2017 meeting</p>	Chair
3	PHYSICAL AND OUTDOOR EDUCATION	
	<p>John Devine introduced the presentation on Outdoor Education by saying it would be criminal not to take advantage of the outdoor education available locally and incorporate this into our curriculum. He handed over to Scott Douglas, Principal Teacher, Physical & Outdoor Education, who then gave a presentation on his plans for Outdoor Education from P6 to S4.</p> <p>Cluster schools have also been brought into the plans in the hope that they will incorporate in their P6/7 classes.</p> <p>Two meetings of the Working Group which includes parent volunteers have taken place.</p> <p>A Volunteer Database of parents with Outdoor Ed qualifications will be started so that they may be recruited to help with specific trips and expeditions.</p>	Chair/JD/SD
4	PARENT COUNCIL PROMOTION/COMMUNICATION	
4.1	<p>Emma Burtles, PC Chair, has sent out a survey via email from school asking parents/carers about the Parent Council, what they'd like to see and what would encourage more people to the meetings. Will report in January.</p> <p>Eleanor Laurie now contactable via new email address; communications@breadalbaneparents.com</p> <p>Two S6 pupils have been appointed to create advertising posters, flyers and any artwork needed by PC or subgroups.</p>	Chair
5	MEMBERS' REPORTS	
5.1	<p>Headteacher</p> <p>Gaelic Medium Birthday celebration party very good event with excellent collaboration between school and parents. John Swinney attended and was impressed with the setup at Breadalbane.</p> <p>Thanks to everyone involved in the Remembrance Event for older people in conjunction with the Aberfeldy Museum Group – moving and thoughtful event.</p> <p>Remembrance Assemblies also held for S1-S6. Will perhaps include</p>	

	<p>Primary children next year.</p> <p>Pupil Councils within Snr School – pupils have been encouraged to join councils. Hustings elections will take place next week with 2 councils being sought – S1-S3 lead by Sam Thorne and S4-S6 lead by John Devine.</p> <p>Vision/Values/Aims – a focus group will meet on 9th December from Primary and Secondary to discuss ‘what are we about as a school’ and put together a statement of our vision/values/aims.</p> <p>Curriculum Evening – will be held on 8th Dec for all parents and pupils S2-4 to give further information about the study choices available to pupils.</p> <p>Staff – 2 staff volunteers will now attend PC meeting, one Primary, one Senior.</p> <p>Nicola Ross, Depute Head, will reduce hours to 4 days per week with Iona Coutts Acting Up one day to cover.</p> <p>Although 2 adverts have now been placed for an additional class teacher in Primary no candidate appointed. Innovative and more detailed and technical advertising being looked at, including in England and Europe.</p> <p>Computing teacher, who recently joined, plans to leave. Will reduce to part-time hours after Christmas <u>until end of the school year</u>. Will seek to replace.</p>	
	All Sub-group reports attached, plus:	
5.2	<p>FOG</p> <p>Bag pack at Co-Op organized for 10th December with proceeds going to Outdoor Education and PE Kits. Interim Newsletter to ask for volunteers to help with bag pack. Also Karen Todd, Saltire Award Volunteers and Deeds for Needs.</p> <p>Micro grants applied for – awaiting news.</p>	LH
5.3	<p>ASN</p> <p>JD has been invited Sam Nicholson from Perth and Kinross Council to talk on this to and will attend Feb ASN meeting which will discuss the Child Plan.</p>	
5.4	<p>Coman nam Parant</p> <p>Very good Birthday celebration and appreciation from group for efforts school management put in.</p>	
5.5	<p>Primary Playground</p> <p>Next meeting with Grounds for Learning scheduled for 16th Dec. They will liaise with pupils, staff and parent reps. Invoice received and passed to FOG for payment.</p>	

5.6	School Communications A meeting is planned for January with JD, MN & EL to discuss implementation of a repeat survey to all parents/carers regarding communication, any improvements seen and the way forward.	
6	OTHER MATTERS	
6.1	Bibles issued at Assembly AP asked who issued the Bibles? JD responded that the Gideon Movement were responsible. It has been common practice that they attend one S1 assembly to talk and issue Bibles. <u>Concerns were expressed that this more 'proselytising' than religious education.</u> Government Guidelines say schools should ' provide religious and moral education on all religions '. JD will provide a short paper to the next PC meeting regarding religious representation in school	JD
6.2	School Signage / Road Improvements Following the new crossing at the bus bay, a site visit <u>has</u> taken place and further work on a pedestrian walkway will be done. Costings for the installation of 10 mile per hour signs, children crossing signs and speed bumps will be done. Cllr Campbell liaising on this. Review of Drop off/Pick Up routine and playground supervision once new fence in place – liaise with Vicky Marshall. Check existence of Breadalbane Academy sign in English and Gaelic. AP questioned if this sign been erected along with all new signage.	Cllr C/JD VM AP/JD
6.3	Daily Mile Not always daily, but happens often. Proven to be good for kids, completed on non PE days and weather permitting. May struggle more in winter!	
6.4	Future Meeting Topics January – Q&A Panel to include JD/Pupils/Staff February – <u>I</u> nternet Safety, Child Plan, Computing Teacher March – Dunkeld jointly with Primary School – Senior Transitions, <u>Behaviour on school transport, Chair to discuss agenda with Mel Nicoll and other Dunkeld parents to ascertain what they want to discuss.</u> April – Workshop format – topics such as; Music, Work Experience, Primary, Secondary. <u>Chair to propose topics for approval at January meeting so event can be organized. Parents encouraged to input via facebook page and website.</u>	

7	DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING	
	Future Meeting Dates: <div> <div> Wednesday 25th January Thursday 23rd February </div> <div> Tuesday 28th March Wednesday 26th April Thursday 25th May (AGM) </div> </div>	

Action Number	Action Description	Responsibility	Deadline
001	Create Volunteer database for Outdoor Education	Chair/JD/SD	
002	Report on PC Meeting survey	Chair	25/01/17
003	Article in Interim Newsletter re volunteers for 10/12/16 bag pack	LH	asap
004	Paper regarding Religious Representation	JD	25/01/17
005	Costing/Installation of speed signs and bumps	Cllr C/JD	25/01/17
006	Drop off/Pick-up and Playground Supervision Update	VM	25/01/17
007	Breadalbane Academy sign in English & Gaelic	AP/JD	25/.1/17
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**Breadalbane Academy Parent Council – Additional Support Needs (ASN)
Report November 2016**

Sensory processing difficulties training was delivered by Tracy Davidson from Perth Royal infirmary on Thursday 24th November in the campus. 19 parents attended. All found it very useful training . It has been arranged that the training will be on offer to teachers and staff in the February in service day.

Ship and Splash youth club going from strength to strength. Friends of Breadalbane ASN group supporting this by using grant to arrange canoeing in the pool, Perth youth theatre coming up to give six sessions of drama and hopefully the football will be starting soon.

We are also in the throes of setting up a lending library of sensory / specialised equipment for parents to borrow.

Swimming and riding still ongoing and being used well ,

We are also hoping to set up in January a 6 monthly ASN outdoor group once a month with Biscuiteering. This will be subsidised by the grant from Griffin .

For further information on any of the activities or groups please contact:

jane carmichael on 07821729905 or asnsgroup@breadalbaneparents.com

**Breadalbane Academy Parent Council – Comann nam Parànt Obar Pheallaidh
Report November 2016**

A good meeting was held on 28th November with Head of Primary Education at PKC.

**Breadalbane Academy Parent Council – Finance
Report November 2016**

Parent Council Account £2494

Friends of Breadalbane Account £5164

**Breadalbane Academy Parent Council – Fundraising & Opportunities (FOG)
Report November 2016**

Bag pack on the 10th Dec...looking for volunteers. Focus on raising funds for PE kit and outdoor education.

I've applied for several micro grants £500 from the local community councils for PE sports uniforms.

Next lot of funding letter is going out too.

Next meeting Thursday 8th December.

Parent Council Communications

Nothing to report.

Breadalbane Academy Parent Council – Primary Playground

Nothing new to report.

Breadalbane Academy Parent Council - School Communications

Nothing new to report.