

Meeting:	Breadalbane Academy Parent Council	
Date & Time:	Thursday 28 th February 2019	
Location:	Breadalbane Academy Community Campus	
Attendance:	E. Laurie, G. Steele, A. Pointer, E. Walker, J. Watson, F. Parker, C. Dimmock, G. Dow, A. Seward, L. Hughes, M. MacDougal, M. Sutcliffe, L. Fletcher, S. Hutchcox, V. Robertson Councillors J. Duff and X. McDade.	Action
Apologies:	E. Burtles, J. Devine, M. Williamson, J. Carmichael, L. Hurley	
1)	<p>EL welcomed all to the meeting. Next meeting 24.4.19.</p> <p><u>Previous Minutes</u></p> <p>Golden Time – Use of Mobile Phones VM reported that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - P7 pupils are able to bring a mobile device to use in Golden Time. - In response to a request from parent council, a survey was distributed to all P6/7 parents and carers, pupils and staff. - Results showed 89% of pupils wanted to use devices during Golden Time. - Pupils use devices for YouTube, social media, music and games. - Pupils gave reasons for use of phones at school e.g. telling the time, contacting home and music on the bus/something to occupy them. - Most of parents were happy with their child bringing their mobile phones to school. - Around 1/3 of parents/carers happy for their child to bring their phones in, noting prepares them for secondary where most pupils carry phones. - It was decided that pupils in P7 should continue to use mobiles but are not able to access social media. - Pupils who do not have devices should be able to use a school one. - Parents to sign consent form to provide approval for their child to use their phone during Golden Time. - Letter to go out to parents with more information. Letter shall say 'Use of own device/be around a group of pupils using devices.' - CD asked how the use of devices will be monitored. VM reassured that the class teacher will monitor pupils. - AP requested a review to be planned to establish if this approach is working. - FP asked about current 'Momo challenge' and the issues/dangers around this. PC confirmed that Momo challenge is a hoax. - LHu asked whether any way younger children would be involved in Golden Time personal device use? VM confirmed this will not happen. - VM stated that prohibited mobile phone use within the primary is not currently an issue. - SH queried why YouTube is not blocked through the school Wi-Fi. 	VM action

2)

Estate Review

- Letter from John Swinney.
- PC met with Murdo Fraser on 11th February.
- PC met with chair of committee on 18th February- potentially a 6th process but were not able to discuss what this was.
- Review to be brought forward to the end of March.
- PC sent request through J. Duff to see with the CEO as they think the process is flawed.
- A. Pointer felt meeting with SNP made progress, also made progress with politicians as a lot of statements were backtracked.
- PC met with ECS team to ask why they weren't informed- ECS stated it was because Breadalbane parents were not directly affected.
- R. Hill confirmed that the decision was made by the senior management team of the council e.g. Sheena Devlin, Sharon Johnson.
- A pointer stated he has no confidence in state review or any trust in officials.
- P/C asked officials about stopping the review- they said they can't due to legal reasons however the politicians can if they want to.
- A. Pointer worried there will not be advanced higher opportunities if this goes ahead, and may have to be distance learning.
- PC met with administration group and they didn't know what was going on.
- G. Dow asked for dates- states team were to have meeting on 20.2.19.
- PC not sharing all information on flawed process- but will use this in any decisions are made.
- J. Duff- Highland Ward Counsellor introduced himself to group.
- Advice was given to not stop state review as it is already in phase 2, the procedure is satisfactory and to carry on with the process- this was legal advice.
- J. Duff to take feedback to S. Devlin and C. Shire.
- G. Dow asked if this all started due to PHS needing a maintenance repair and is all the money gone, so is this why a review is needed? J. Duff confirms this is not true and review started in 2015.
- A. Pointer reported that Pitlochry parents are extremely stressed, to the point it is ruining relationships.
- PC asked J. Duff if he has the power to arrange a meeting with CEO- PC to invite CEO to future PC meeting.
- A. Brocklehurst (Chair of Grandtully) asked Council what reason there was for the review- no official answer.
- J. Duff stated he does not support the closure of PHS however will not support any option detrimental to BA and will push for meeting with CEO.

3)

Fundraising

- PC have Thrift Shop from 12th – 18th May.
- £1000 outgoings committed from now until October, including P3 sea life centre, ski snow trip, nursery uniform.
- PC has applied for funding to go towards medals for kids taking part in Sports Day as an incentive for children who dislike sports.
- Application submitted for £50,000 towards the primary playground.
- End of year parties to continue as successful in 17/18 year.
- PC spoke to Pupil Council to come up with a way to make primary Sports Day more exciting for all children who are less motivated.
- EL thanked LHu for her efforts applying for grants etc.

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4)	<p><u>Gaelic</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Funding for a teaching assistant had been secured after a successful campaign led by the Gaelic Parent group.. - Gaelic got 1st, 2nd and 3rd prize in John Muir Poetry Competition out of many schools. 	
5)	<p><u>Frozen Meals</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - EL provided an update. - BA to be impacted- a CPU in Dundee will blast freeze meals for use in primary schools across Highland Perthshire. - This is to be actioned from August 2020. - Online campaign set up by a parent at local school to argue against this. - Nutrition not to be impacted, however it was discussed that meals currently are not at a highest of standard. - There are a number of benefits, e.g. saving money, local produced used, standardised of quality. - Open tasting sessions to be brought to schools- confirmed by J. Duff. - Will provide wider menu choice and make it easier to comply with dietary requirements. - Reduce waste. - GS asked how many catering jobs in BA will be lost- J. Duff to find this out and let PC know. - Concerns that this will mean taking money out of PKC. - SH asked how long these meals will lie in BA freezers before being served to kids? - AP asked why this decision was made without consulting or informing any Parent Councils in PKC. - E. Laurie to send campaign around. - Only effecting schools using Tayside Contracts - other schools in Scotland have adopted this process. 	

