

Meeting:	Breadalbane academy Parent Council (BAPC)	
Date & Time:	Wednesday 24 th April 2019	
Location:	Breadalbane Community Campus	
Attendance:	L. Hurley, E. Laurie, J. Devine, X. McDade, L. Fletcher, J. Stott, L. Hughes, R. Blair	Action
Apologies:	G. Steele, T. Pringle, M. Williamson, V. Marshall	
1.	<p><u>Previous Minutes and Matters Arising</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - LH gave update on mobile phones during Golden Time. Response letter has gone out and is on website to view- all in all a positive response. - VM looking at Sports Day and how to enhance the overall experience for the children. 	VM
2)	<p><u>Headteacher Report</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - JD gave update on instrumental music service link on website. Group call to go out, as well as letter, when music forms/events are notified to pupils. - It has been confirmed that music fees are not rising. <p>JD gave an update staffing:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Samantha Rattray on maternity leave- Amy Cooper covering. - Alastair Mathieson replacing R. Kedra who has now left. - Emily Traghan leaving on 26th April. Yvonne Robertson replacing. - Art interviews taking place on 25th April. - Iona Coutts leaving, interviews arranged- will not have computing teacher for the time being which could cause some impact. JD to keep PC updated on computing teacher outcome. - Tom Duncan left, staffing to change in primary so this will not impact. - Nursery expanded- 2 senior ECPs employed. - New timetable starts 7th May. <p>JD gave update on School Fund:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Primarily to support wider curriculum experiences for pupils. - Provided subsidy to Comrie Croft to keep price down. Subsidies provided for Ski Trip, Rafting and S1 Walk. - School fund discussion. £37,000 in 2016, now down to £7,000. - Councillor Duff stated that Breadalbane will need to consider how to fund transport to competitions for pupils as have been doing consistently for last few years at relatively substantial cost. - More money is being spent than coming in- JD said need to look for opportunities to sustain and build upon money in school fund, e.g. school show, non-uniform days etc. - School and Parent Council will look to work together to raise funds in 19/20 academic year. 	JD
3)	<p><u>School Estates Review</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - LH reported that PKC had elected not to close Pitlochry High School (PHS) and Grandtully Primary and this decision had been very well received by the wider community. - PKC had announced that a review of senior phase education in Highland 	

	<p>Perthshire would now take place. LH reported that it was understood that the option for S5 & 6 to move from Breadalbane to PHS was still a consideration.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - EL had attended a Lifelong Learning Committee (LLC) meeting on behalf of BAPC to represent our view and concerns. The group thanked EL for her time and support. - PKC had advised that focus groups with pupils, parents and staff would be held but had provided no dates or detail yet. BAPC had asked the estates team for more clarification but an email response had not given any clear information. - BAPC will keep all informed as and when know more. - EL stated that it finally felt like BAPC voice is being heard. - EB asked for a timeframe on any decisions. - ZM reported that the next LLC meeting was on 4th September but informed the meeting that September may not be the point at which any recommended action is voted on and discussions could go on through the next academic year. XM noted that budgets across the council are shrinking which will impact on options available to PKC. - PKC have stated that there will be no detrimental impact on education regardless of the outcome. - It was discussed that the outcome of review may mean more enhanced range of subjects, rather than a loss. - Councillor McDade stated that community should continue to be proactive to campaign against any detrimental changes e.g. loss of funding/teachers/curriculum. - Councillor Duff informed group he had been appointed Vice Convenor for LLC. - EB asked if loss of budget will mean Headteacher sharing and if this is a concern. Councillor McDade stated that this isn't a concern at this stage; however, he thought it might've been an option when estates review first came up. - Councillor McDade stated that PHS needs replaced within the next 10 years due to quality of building. 	EL
4)	<p><u>Fundraising and Events</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Successful bag pack at cooperative for Battlefields trip- £500 raised- next bag pack arranged for September 2019. - PC requests that pupils be more involved in fundraising. - Car wash to be scheduled for 1st June, G. Weir to support. - PC has Thrift Shop from 12th-18th May. Volunteers required. - PC helping with Scottish Chamber Orchestra event on campus on June 28th - tickets on sale at main campus reception. - Fundraising secured from Basil Death Fund – partly going to medals for Sports Day- EL has met with the Workshop, Aberfeldy and designs underway. EL met with Scott Douglas regarding Sports Day. All children to receive a medal regardless of place to ensure they feel included. - P7 end of primary event- volunteers required. PC to set date. - PC will continue to promote events on social media to raise awareness. 	PC
5)	<p><u>Frozen Meals</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Part of drive to save operational costs at PKC level. - Some fresh food service will still take place on-site. - Will impact on Breadalbane from August 2020 and Nursery and Primary phase only at this stage. - PKC have assured no detriment to quality of food. - EB raised concerns that this will be a detrimental, in terms of taste, quality, jobs and impact environmentally. - AP noted that PC was not consulted. - Final decision to be made in October 2019. - It is expected will create some job losses across Perthshire, final 	

	numbers to be seen.	JD
6)	<p><u>Census</u></p> <p>PKC has advised parent councils that two surveys will be delivered in the 19/20 academic year:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Health census for pupils, primarily focused on mental wellbeing. Still in the process of being tested. - Parental involvement engagement survey to go out. 	
7)	<p><u>Headteacher recruitment</u></p> <p>AP raised that PKC had changed its approach to recruitment of Headteachers and Deputies which was unlawful (Parental Engagement Act). He noted that PCs have the right to be involved from the first stage of process (advert and CV sift) , however due to changes PC are only being consulted from second stage (interviews). JD reported that he had compared the two documents and did not consider that any unlawful change had been made. JD to forward PC new policy for review.</p>	
8)	<p><u>ASN</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - It was reported that J. Carmichael was setting back up a Youth Club with LAL support and funding had been secured. The group was looking for over 14-year olds to volunteer to help out with this. - Club will be sports based. - K. Mackay (Library) putting word out for volunteers. - PC meeting with J. Macluskey regarding room use. 	
9)	<p><u>Gaelic Update</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Discussion regarding Janet Macsween. - Growing number of ASN pupils in Gaelic medium so support needed greatly. 	
10)	<p><u>AOB</u></p> <p>E. Burtles gave feedback that she felt the last day of S6 was a great success. Discussion regarding muck up day. Positive outcome overall.</p> <p>JD to put article in newsletter regarding after school destinations for S6 pupils.</p> <p>Pointer asked for clock hand plan- JD confirmed local lady to pay for new hands.</p> <p>Plan to renovate the clock and cover the face so cannot be tampered with.</p>	