

Meeting:	Breadalbane Academy Parent Council (BAPC)	
Date & Time:	Tuesday 21 st May 2019	
Location:	Breadalbane Academy Community Campus	
Attendance:	L. Hurley, E. Laurie, J. Devine (JD), A. Pointer, K. Wright, A. Seward, R. Blair, L. Hughes, J. Stott	Action
Apologies:	V. Marshall, C. Dimmock	
1.	<p><u>Previous Minutes & Actions</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - BAPC working with VM to enhance Sports Day. - Funding for medals at workshop granted by Basil Death Trust. - Minutes approved, except for A. Pointer requested an amend regarding the change to parent council's role in the recruitment process- BAPC to escalate this matter with PKC. 	AP/PC
2.	<p><u>Headteacher Report</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Advertising for Art – appointed Yvonne Robertson for PT. Full capacity with Lucy Chalmers starting on Monday. - Kevin Hodgson appointed PT of Maths. - No Computing appointment made, however R. Clark looking to gain qualification to teach this subject. Very positive news. - In the meantime, Higher computing will be delivered through virtual classes which will run over three periods a week, R. Clark to support. - T. Pringle raised concerns that virtual teaching is an argument being used against Breadalbane in terms of the School Estates Review at the Community Council meeting. - The group discussed concerns regarding staffing. A. Pointer asked for current snapshot of staff to get a bigger picture/outlook on the situation. - JD informed group there is a national recruitment challenge particularly for computing. - Resources to lessen due to funding cuts. - K. Wright asked if parents can do anything to help school- JD to consider and let KW know. - A. Seward reported that she had been teaching technology throughout primary. Group agreed well received by pupils and gave thanks. - BA seeks to gain digital schools award. - - JD is seeking to have acting PT in primary to be made permanent. - Christie Moore appointed Gaelic ECP. Gaelic nursery opening roughly October 19. - A. Pointer asked if Gaelic nursery will be in a separate part of the building. JD advised potentially in the GME class however yet to be confirmed. 	<p>JD/KW</p> <p>JD</p>

<p>3.</p> <p>4.4.</p> <p>5.</p> <p>6.</p>	<p><u>Headteacher Report - Review of the Year</u></p> <p>ELAV review May 2018- report shared October.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Lots of strengths given by ELAV team. - BA to find ways to help pupils develop resilience - Staff to shadow pupils in future. - Discussion regarding: Breadalbane Values - Pupils & staff discussing what skills they want to learn. - Strategic Planning Event with parents invited to be organised. - BA hoping to organise overnight camping trip for S2. - S. Douglas to share with pupils what benefit the S2 walk provided. - E. Laurie asked if Activities Week is a new thing - confirmed not new and has been running for a while now. - BA now funding trips for pupils who cannot afford fees. - JD reported that overall Activities Week was a success and had a positive outcome from pupils, and staff. - BA won Scottish Rural Awards. - JD to send PC a letter inviting them to the strategic review in upcoming term. - E. Laurie asked JD if BA did anything for Mental Health Week- JD said school are to do more on mental health in future. - E. Laurie suggested teaching children how to manage the stress and pressure of the internet. - A. Pointer asked if there is anything given to children previous to exams, to help them prepare. Suggested that there needs to be more assessments similar to exams for children prior to their first set of SQA exams to ease them in/take the pressure off. <p><u>Fundraising</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - L. Hughes gave an overview of fundraising activity during the year, which included P2 to Sea-life Centre, s3 water sports, Battlefield trip, Dynamic Earth and overnight S1 snow sports - Successful grant application made for HC project, toys for pit stop and medals for sports day. - Successful thrift shop- £1200 raised. - Bag pack overall good outcome as children interacted with customers about the reasons for fundraising. Kids spoke to ex-pupils about their experience with the same trips. £450 raised. - Overall good year- L. Hughes to stay as main PC fundraiser. - E. Laurie thanked L. Hughes for all her hard work raising money throughout the academic year. <p>Treasurer Report</p> <p>T. Pringle gave a summary report for the 18/19 year.</p> <p>Raised - £29,811.03 Spent £13,108.49 Balance left/ reserves as of 31st March - £27,581.89</p> <p>T.Pringle noted that £18,000 of the balance was allocated to the P4-7 playground project. L.Hurley reported that a request had been made to SSE to part release funds and match the £18,000 raised to date. This would allow the first phase of the playground project to go ahead over the summer recess.</p> <p><u>Chairs Report</u></p> <p>L.Hurley reported that the objectives for the BAPC in the 18/19 year had been to:</p>	<p>JD</p> <p>JD</p>
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - increase parent engagement - improve communications - work collaboratively with the school and campus partners - involve the pupil council - deliver new events for pupils <p>The chairs reported that it had been a busy year and that the school estates review had impacted heavily on their time but that they felt it had been a successful year in terms of working to achieve the above objectives. Looking ahead, E.Laurie and L.Hurley would continue to work towards enhancement of the above objectives.</p>	
7.	<p>Estates review</p> <p>E.Laurie provided an update to the group: PKC had confirmed that focus groups would take place on Thursday 13th June. A letter would go to parents and up to 24 people would be selected to receive updates and share their view. A cross-section of parent representation was required.</p> <p>The purpose of these groups would be to discuss three options:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. S4 to move from PHS to BA 2. S5 and S6 to be created at BA 3. No change to roll but enhanced provision of senior phase through collaborative approach (PHS and BA). <p>The group expressed concerns that 24 parents was a small group given the size of school. BAPC agreed and confirmed that this view had been expressed to PKC. A.Pointer raised concerns that 'status quo' was not an option K.Wright requested that the BAPC estates team met before the focus groups to discuss the briefing note.</p>	
8.	<p>Elections</p> <p>It was proposed that Eleanor Laurie and Lyndsey Hurley remain as co-chairs of the parent council for another year. It was proposed that Tommy Pringle remain as Treasurer for another year. It was proposed that Libby Hughes remain as main contact for the fundraising group for the parent council.</p> <p>All proposals were approved.</p>	
9.	<p>A.O.B</p> <p>K.Wright requested whether the parent council be involved in the delivery of the university evening next year to promote the event widely to parents. JD agreed.</p>	

