

Meeting:	Breadalbane Academy Parent Council (BAPC)	
Date & Time:	Monday 9 th September 2019	
Location:	Breadalbane Community Campus, ICT Rooms	
Attendance:	L. Hurley (LH), E. Laurie (EL), J. Devine (JD), V. Marshall (VM), J. Duff, A. Pointer, K. Wright, T. Pringle, A. Pointer, F. Coleman, L. Hughes, John & Jill Watson, M. Storstein, S. Hutchcox, G. Dow.	Action
Apologies:	G. Steele, M. Williamson, R. Blair	
1.	<p><u>Previous Minutes and Matters Arising</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Minutes of the previous meeting were approved, and it was noted that there was an action outstanding for the Parent Council to follow up with Perth & Kinross Council about the recruitment process for senior management positions. 	LH/EL
2)	<p><u>Headteacher Report</u></p> <p>JD gave a staffing update:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mari MacLeod (Gaelic Medium Education - GME) had resigned and an advert was out. Andy Pointer sought confirmation that this would be a permanent full-time position. JD confirmed this was so. - Rebecca Foote is in place as a senior Physical Education probationary role in 19/20. - Tim Woodcock will complete a secondment at PKC as a Quality Improvement Officer from September 2019 through to April (or June) 2020. Whilst this appointment has an impact on Breadalbane Academy resourcing, it is a positive reflection of the work and results the school and Tim have achieved in previous years. JD reported that he intended to fill this role internally. Gwen Dow asked whether this interim appointment would have a negative impact on teaching resource and JD confirmed that any impact would be minimised. - Jenda Macluskey, Business Manager, had secured a new role at Crieff High School and will leave in October. Jenda has been in the role for 15 years and JD acknowledged her hard work and great support during this time. An advert is out, and interviews will take place during September. JD confirmed that the PC would be included in the interview process. <p>JD gave an update on the GME Nursery:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A Gaelic Nursery would be put in place in the 19/20 year. - An ECP had been appointed. - Interviews would shortly take place for a play assistant. - Further announcements would be made in due course. <p>JD gave an update on the SQA Results:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A full presentation would be given at the November meeting once the PKC Insight analysis is distributed. - Initial analysis shows the 4th year results as slightly below the previous year but considered over a longer term, the 18/19 results present an upward trend and are in line with the school's expectations. - The number of 5th year students achieving 5 Highers or more is the second highest result in 10 years. - Breadalbane Academy results are once again above PKC averages in all key performance indicators. <p>JD was pleased to report that the school clock had been fixed after a generous donation from Aberfeldy community resident Mrs Duncan covered joinery costs.</p>	JD / EL

	<p>JD reported on driver behaviour on the campus. It had been recorded that some drivers were driving at unsafe speeds on campus. It had been suggested that a '10 miles an hour' speed restriction sign be placed on campus. As the road in is private, this would be permissible though not enforceable. The group agreed that this would be an appropriate plan of action to keep campus safe.</p> <p>JD confirmed that Road Safety Week would once again be recognised in school during the week of 18-24 November.</p>	
3)	<p><u>Mobile Phones</u></p> <p>Andy Pointed had raised that it had been widely publicised in the local press that the new school, Bertha Park, had banned mobile phone use during the school day.</p> <p>LH reported that a mobile phone survey had been carried out during the 18/19 year to P6 and P7 parents, pupils and teachers. Permission letters had since been issued to seek approval/opt out for phone use. Overall, parents had been satisfied with this approach. Also, LH had completed a tour of the senior school with JD during classroom time and overall, staff had confirmed the positive benefits of mobile devices for accessing research and homework tools, and if/when they caused disruption, a staged intervention policy would be enforced. This work had created wider debate in meetings about mobile phone use and whilst some parents were opposed to mobile phones being allowed during the school day, the majority were satisfied that the school's policy was current and appropriate.</p> <p>JD responded that Bertha Park has issued all pupils with an iPad which they were able to access at all times during lessons, and at home if an insurance premium was paid. JD reported that Breadalbane Academy had not received similar investment from PKC to permit such a policy and if mobile devices were banned, it would create a technology deficit.</p> <p>It was agreed that close monitoring of Bertha Park's success with this policy during the year was appropriate. To be discussed again in December 2019.</p>	JD/LH
4.	<p><u>School Estates Review</u></p> <p>Andy Pointer asked if JD had been advised to the amount of time, senior management would be required to allocate to development of the Highland Perthshire Learning Partnership (HPLP). JD reported that he had not received a full update from the estates review team since the September Lifelong Learning Committee (LLLC).</p> <p><u>JD and VM left the meeting due to a conflict of interest.</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - EL reported that at the September LLLC, all councillors had passed a recommendation to develop a HPLP between Pitlochry, Breadalbane and Perth City Campus schools. This would include exploring a model that enabled Pitlochry students to remain on the Breadalbane Academy roll call but be taught at Pitlochry. The latter was brought to the meeting as an amendment paper by Councillor Xander Mcdabe and Mike Williamson and had been approved by Sheila Devlin (Director of Children's Education and Services). A new report will be presented in January 2020. - PKC and councillors continue to state that there will be no detrimental impact on education regardless of the HPLP outcome. - EL reported that a report by PKC educational specialist had demonstrated that expansion of PHS would cause detriment to the curriculum of both schools. BAPC remain heavily concerned about the impact of expansion on both schools and believe the process to date to be flawed. - John Duff, Vice Convenor of the LLLC, confirmed the above. He explained that due to the suspension of two conservative councillors 	PC

	<p>due to a conduct complaint in recent weeks, the administration is now in the voting minority (19/40). Andy Pointer argued that the timing of this suspension was ill-advised and has had a wholly negative impact on the estates review.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - It was reported that Andy Charlton, Parent Council Chair of Pitlochry High School, had been appointed to the LLLC. BAPC had expressed concerns over the conflict of interest when the HPLP is discussed. - Andy Pointer and Karl Wright had attended and presented at the September LLLC meeting on behalf of BAPC to represent our concerns. They expressed their dismay that the above report had not been scrutinised or debated and expressed that this had led to a poor and undemocratic final decision. The group thanked them for their time and representation. - The BAPC estates team will meet to discuss next steps and action and will keep the parent body informed in due course with a special meeting. 	JD
5)	<p><u>Fundraising and Events</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - EL reported that PC would run a bar at school on Friday 20th September to support a Beyond Adventure event. Volunteers were required. - PC will promote events on social media to raise awareness. 	