

Meeting:	Breadalbane Academy Parent Council	
Date & Time:	Thursday 17 th September 2020 6pm	
Location:	Zoom virtual meeting	
Attendance:	L. Hurley, E. Laurie, J. O'Flynn, A. Pointer, V. Marshall, J. Devine, K. Gatehouse, R. Munro, J. Sanderson, R. Blair	Action
Apologies:		
1)	<p><u>Introduction and Previous Minutes</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - EL introduced herself and LH as co-chairs - EL thanked SMT for attendance and asked those present to keep muted and put any comments or queries on the chat at the side. LH explained that the floor will be open for parents to speak and answer any questions at the end. - LH proposed Jason O'Flynn (JO) as new chair of PC as herself and EL would stand down after two-years in post. It was noted that the role of chair was an elective one and further nominations were welcomed. Andy Pointer (AP) was proposed as vice chair. - JO introduced himself to the group. No objections noted to JO becoming chair or AP as vice. LH/EL welcomed the new team. - LH introduced T Pringle as treasurer and informed the group that this would be his last year after seven years. - LH informed the group that Libby Hughes had stepped down from the fundraising role and asked if any parents would like to volunteer to support fundraising and ideas. - LH welcomed J. Devine (JD) to the meeting. JD thanked LH/EL for their full support and efforts, especially with the Estates Review campaign. - JO/JD to have a meeting shortly in future. 	JD
2)	<u>Headteachers Report</u>	
2a)	<p>Staffing</p> <p>JD reported:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Two senior appointments had been advertised and the window closed yesterday: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Secondary depute head teacher to replace T. Woodcock's permanent role. He had been on Secondment in local authority and would now remain in that role. L Libreri had been acting up. - PT Guidance – vacancy created by Y. Benning who has been with the school 26 years. KG stated that this will be a big roll to fill and interviews will take place on 29/09/20. - Susan Boyd would be moving to Pitlochry High School – currently doing RCCT. - Gaelic Practitioner resigned shortly after appointment. - Gaelic ECP required – needed to open Gaelic nursery to accompany Gaelic primary – hope to make an appointment during the October holidays. - JD shared good news that BA was shortlisted for Scottish education awards. Nominated previously in June 2017 which staff attended. 	
2b)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - JD reported that the school development plan had been reviewed during lockdown. Digital resilience was noted as a running issue and management was addressing how the school can increase digital resilience. - Staff are continually reviewing ways to improve the way the current school procedures are running, given new health and safety measures. 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - JD relayed the plan in the case of school closure, namely blended learning would be the first approach as a robust well-developed plan was in place. JD informed the group that J Sanderson had been invited to the meeting and will join later. - JD had written to parents regarding a Virtual Parents' Night but now stated that he did not have enough confidence in technology to run this. JD will write to parents to inform them that this will not go ahead and will be postponed to next term. JD did not think it could be solved on a school level and believe it may be a PKC issue. JD apologised and was disappointed to announce this. JD had high levels of confidence in staff who rose to the challenge at late notice. - JD touched on the recent uniform letter which confirmed a relaxed approach would be extended to uniform until Christmas. - JD noted that he would be happy to take any questions on the report. 	JD
3)	<p>No questions written to minutes. It was confirmed that the Q&A will be published post-event.</p> <p><u>Q&A</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - R. Munro reported what would happen if there was a local lockdown announced. Other businesses would close to ensure that schools stayed open. Schools are a priority. - VM reassured parents that children use own stationary and all toys and equipment are cleaned at the end of the school day. Few resources still in use, not out as often or as long but still available. - Parent made comment regarding one-way system in primary 4-7 playground and noticed that children are becoming complacent/lazy with it. VM to reinforce to pupils to ensure safety. - Parent asked if all parents can receive action plan for Covid-19. VM informed parent that the risk assessment can be found on school website and this highlighted the main issues parents/carers may want to know about. - Parent enquired what the outdoor learning plan is due to Covid-19. Camping trip for first years cancelled. Trying to get outdoor learning plan in secondary up and running again – must be careful with other people entering campus. - Parent queried Battlefields History trip. RM said information re Battlefields is unknown yet. Guidance for overseas trips for pupils has yet to update. No dates given. Waiting for guidance from local authority. RM will follow up when provided more information. Tour operator needs to physically cancel the trip for money refund purposes. - Parent queried mixed registration classes. JD reminded group that children not required to physically distance. Primary try to keep classes separate. More difficult logistically in playground and at lunch time. Have tried and managed to do that. Similar approach in secondary. Reg classes in secondary now in set year groups. - Parent asked what the current rules are for entering and leaving school re sanitising. RM explained plans and entrance rules. 	VM RM
4)	<u>Meeting Close.</u>	

