

Meeting:	Breadalbane Academy Parent Council (BAPC)
Date & Time:	Wednesday 15th December 2021 6.30pm – 8.30pm
Location:	Online meeting – via Zoom
Attendance:	Jason O’Flynn (Chair), Shannon Mulholland (Treasurer), Karl Wright (Vice-Chair), Gill Steele (Secretary), Jane Carmichael (ASN), Emma Allen, Karen Brown, Jill Watson, Jess Pepper, Pat Spicer (Highland Action Partnership Road Safety Group), Marguerite Countrnet, Julie Campbell, Lisa Leck, Elizabeth, John Duff (PKC Councilor), Chris Heap, Karen McKay, Graeme, Jeannie Grant, Andrew Pointer, Anna Brocklehurst, J.Devine (JD) - <i>joined at 7pm</i> , - (22 attendees)
Apologies:	None

Item	Action
1 <u>Welcome, introductions and Apologies</u> Meetings are now monthly	
2 <u>Minutes of the Last Meeting</u> Agreed	
3 <u>Matters Arising</u> Pitlochry bus update	
4 <u>Format and frequency of future meetings</u> Zoom, in-person, hybrid or a mixture? - Monthly — Agreed - Elizabeth says she is in favour of Zoom. JC & AP want hybrid. - Zoom meetings until safe to do otherwise – Agreed Continue primary/secondary split? - JO in favour of the primary/secondary split. Two parents say they are in favour of the split	
5 <u>National Health & Wellbeing Survey</u> - JO discussed the background to the survey and outlined some of the pros and cons of the survey. Noted that some parents were unhappy with this and others happy with it. - Parent Council is going to make a representation to PKC and FOI to see what the SCN is being used for. - JC is talking to legal officer of Children and Young People’s Commissioner who has said this survey should be suspended. They say it should never have taken place and ASN kids denied a voice. 2% of population of children couldn’t take part. https://www.cypcs.org.uk/news-and-stories/statement-commissioner-raises-concerns-with-scottish-government-about-rights-impact-of-health-and-wellbeing-survey/ - AP raised issues around the GDPR, around how the survey was conducted. The fact it wasn’t opt-in and the lack of parental consultation on this issue. ScotGov have ignored the lessons of their own inquiry. ICO investigating. Children and Young People’s Commissioner (link provided by JC in chat https://edexec.co.uk/scotlands-childrens-commissioner-wants-sex-survey-paused/) - KW raised the issue that there was a lack of consultation with Parent Councils and we are unable to fulfill our statutory function in accordance with 2006 Act.	
6 <u>School Meals</u> - Discussion around the quality and provision of school meals. - SM My daughter only eats paninis because "everything else is "disgusting" - JP Options for special diets very limited - our daughter has option of potato or soup. - GS Will the quality be impacted by the move to frozen meals in January? - KW A few years ago there was a survey and PKC was spending one of the lowest amounts per meal in Scotland.	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - AB it's very important to know this especially given that there are kids on Free School Meals, the quality of the meals is very important - JDuff Tayside Contracts are working within a set of rules issued by Scottish Government. - AB Parent Council would have to address itself to PKC. We need to work out if this is a priority. If it is, we should put some thought and effort behind it. <p>Action: KW asks JDuff to find out what the cost per meal is in PKC and how that compares to other Local Authorities.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - JDuff Noted that free school meals will be available for all kids up to P7 by August of next year. - Graeme (on chat): Scottish Government has introduced new draft legislation on a Good Food Nation - you can submit views to Parliament including on what plans should contain, including on food related issues which affect health and social wellbeing - https://www.parliament.scot/bills-and-laws/bills/good-food-nation-scotland-bill 	Councillor John Duff
7	<p><u>Road Safety Concerns</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - JO quoting Rhona — 'Buses to arrive at 3:25 to cut risk, this will be built into contract'. - JW I have observed when collecting my child that the large school buses often mount the pavement as they turn right past the clock to enter the campus as it's such a tight turning circle and a child could easily be involved in an accident. - Pat Spicer - when he became involved in road safety it was mostly around the issue of kids' road safety. Critical issue is to address this through a School Travel Plan. If we had one, we'd be able to seek help from Sustrans. Breadalbane still doesn't have a School Travel Plan. Pat has offered his help on this, how do we move forward on this? <p>Action: Parent Council to try to move forward on a School Travel Plan. Seeking a parent to volunteer to work on this with Pat Spicer (HAPRSG) and the school</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - JD (when joins the meeting at 7pm) In 2016 he raised concerns about young people stepping out between two parked buses. Parent Council should raise this with PKC directly. Requested parents to raise concerns about bus speeds when they see it. - GS suggests we ask Council Roads Team to carry out a road-safety audit. <p>Action: John Duff to request a Road Safety Audit of the school when buses are using the area at drop off/pick up from PKC Roads Department</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - KW talks about Pitlochry bus issue and the bus taking the back road to school, prolonging the Pitlochry kids already long journey. - AP this is a problem that the council has identified and it's now been two years. <p>Action: KW to update on Pitlochry Bus Situation at the next meeting</p>	<p>Parent Council</p> <p>Councillor John Duff</p> <p>KWright</p>
8	<p><u>Parent Council Goals</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - KW Karl explains what the plan is and why. 	
9	<p><u>Social Media</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - JO Discusses social media - AB — what is the school policy on social media? Can we ask for it? Should we include this in the goals? 	
10	<p><u>MIDAS (Minibus Drivers Awareness Scheme - mini-bus driver training)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - JC can the school put ASN volunteers/parents as PKC staff for MIDAS as its half price? - JD (when joins meeting at 7pm) is happy to support ASN Group. Please get in touch with Rhona. 	
11	<p><u>ASN Update</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - JC Struggling with getting the word out about ASN. We have 22 parents involved but we need to find a way to reach more parents. - LL agrees to be the link person for ASN with Pitlochry High School 	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - JC Graham Doig, Disability Officer PKC looking to set up Disabilities Sports Hub. Struggling to get Live Active to put on sports activities for kids with ASN needs. Say they are too short of staff. - JC wants PC to send out a call for Sports Hub volunteers. GS suggests that we use PC mailing list. Jane approves of this <p>Action: Parent Council to send out a call for Sports Hub volunteers on behalf of the ASN group. Emails & Social Media Campaign</p>	Parent Council
12	<p>Homework</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - JO some parents think there isn't enough homework. Others find the mix of systems (Satchel, Teams etc) muddling. - AP comments that there is a variety of experiences of homework. There are issues with Teams/ Show My Homework (SMH) with most teachers using Teams so parents not sure what homework is set as not all on SMH Jason — how can parents find what's going on. Parents find it confusing. Not all teachers put their homework. - JO asked JD when he joined the meeting later about lack of consistency of which platform is used. - JD (<i>When joins meeting at 7pm</i>) Homework should be on SMH(actually called Satchel One) JD will follow this up in January. It has to be on Satchel One as parents can't use Teams, this is a national problem. JD apologies service hasn't been great on this. <p>Action: JD to feed back to next meeting in January on homework platforms/procedures for parents</p>	JDevine
13	<p>Fundraising</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - KW calls for volunteers to set up FOGG (Fundraising and Opportunities Group) - JC we need to look at Friends of Breadalbane our fundraising arm/association (update around safeguarding, so office bearers have training etc) to enable access to grants as requirements are becoming more stringent <p>Action: JC to feed back what criteria we have to meet for funding, to update at the January meeting.</p>	JCarm
14	<p>Playground Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - JO says this is going on and EL will update at January meeting. 	
15	<p>Vape/Energy drink usage/Access to Town by Pupils</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - JO summarises issue of energy drink usage - JC we should link with the Aberfeldy Healthiest Town initiative - AP raises concerns about alcohol sales in the town and teenagers being found down by the river drinking in the dark; needs to be seriously addressed. Not sure if police know. More serious than energy drinks. - EA very big problems with alcohol and teens who have a 'go-to' person to buy it for them. Recently been to all shops that sell booze and vapes. Has gone to parent and told them they need to stop an 18-year-old buying for underage children: that has stopped. Drinking down the park also an issue. - KW report it to the police. If evidence then we have to report it. - JDuff (<i>on chat</i>): The Safer Community Warden is likely to have information about children and alcohol in the town, <p><i>John Devine joins meeting at 7pm</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - JD - Energy drinks, the school phoned around retailers in September. Local shops report they don't sell to kids. Parents can challenge retailers, but selling them isn't against the law. Energy drinks in the school: pupil council and staff said it wasn't an issue. But if a majority of parents do think it is then happy to reconsider policy. - JD - Vaping has been brought to SMT's attention. Pupil council has brought this to attention. Both a problem on school grounds and, allegedly, on buses. The school has 	

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	<p>spoken to Public Transport Unit in PKC and asked them to remind bus companies that they need to make the school aware of any unacceptable behaviour on buses. To date, the school has not been made aware of any vaping on buses.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - JC what is the school policy about lunchtime behaviour? - JD to be responsible citizens. Most are. - GS is in favour of kids going down town. - AP requested can John Devine raise concerns about underage drinking with police? - JD will raise this with KG and the police liaison officer. <p>Action: Raise concerns about underage drinking with Police Liaison Officer</p>	JDevine
16	<p>AOB</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - JD National statistics show decline in all of the primary indicators and growth in the attainment gap. Breadalbane can't compare easily with the national attainment gap figures because we don't use the Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation (SIMD). This is because the school has virtually no pupils in the first four deciles (SIMD 1-4). Instead we use a local authority measure called ACORN which is better at picking up socio-economic spread in rural communities.. In line with the national picture, the school did see a general decline in reported attainment in primary at the end of session 20/21 but our on-track figures are looking much better now, further to targeted work that has been undertaken in the course of this session. - JD thinks that levels were partly depressed because teachers sometimes had incomplete evidence after remote learning on which to base firm decisions about attainment. - AB agrees we should see figures. Do we have the data on attainment gap so we can see the detail? - JD happy to talk about ACORN for Primary Parents. ACORN divides kids into 5 categories, this reflects the reality better for rural areas. The school has seen a widening of attainment data in the ACORN data. - AB we were talking about parent council goals. Surely supporting school in closing the attainment gap should be the #1 goal. JO supported this. <p>Action: Include supporting the school in closing the attainment gap in the Parent Council Goals for 2022</p>	Parent Council
17	<p>Time & date of next meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - AB asks John Devine to thank all the teachers for all their hard work over the last year. 	Noted

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