

Meeting:	Breadalbane Academy Parent Council (BAPC) – EGM
Date & Time:	Wednesday 26th January 2022 6.30pm – 8.30pm
Location:	Online meeting – via Zoom
Attendance:	Jason O’Flynn (Chair), Shannon Mulholland (Treasurer), Karl Wright (Vice-Chair), Gill Steele (Secretary), Anna Brocklehurst (AB), Eleanor Laurie (EL), Emma Allen (EA), Mairi MacAdam, Jill Watson, Jess Pepper(JP), Emma Burtles, Mairi Stewart (MS), Aimee Mathew, Janet Stott, Jennie MacIntyre (JM), Selina, John Duff (PKC Councilor), Roxanne Still, John, Andrew Pointer (AP), J.Devine (JD), Vicky Marshall (VM) - (22 attendees)
Apologies:	Jane Carmichael (ASN)

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1	<u>Welcome, introductions and Apologies</u>	
2	<u>Minutes of the 2020 AGM Meeting – Thursday 17th September 2020 - LINK TO MINUTES</u> Agreed	
3	<u>Treasurers Report</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Main Parent Council account currently £6,940.00 – including the £730 grant from PKC for this year. - Friends of Breadalbane Account - £15,134.34 - Accounts have been approved for the fiscal year 2021. This will be the last year that this auditor will carry out the task a new Auditor is required for 2022. - Access for the new Treasurer (SMul) to the Parent Council accounts is underway. Action: SMul to confirm the Auditor	SMul
4	<u>Parent Council 2022 Goals</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - KW reads goals and shared his screen - No objections from the meeting - JD discussed Scottish Government commitment to fund all curricular experiences through the school day which will help. There is a spreadsheet at the school which has all of the wider achievement tasks. LINK DOCUMENT HERE	
5	<u>Parent Council Code of Conduct</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - AB reads the code of conduct - No objections from the meeting LINK DOCUMENT HERE	
6	<u>Parent Council Communications</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - KW has put together a PC communication plan - AB: Could we rotate a later meeting with an earlier one or something like that? Other schools do that quite successfully? - SM: Ask the parents. Hold a survey. Find out what people want. - JM: Can we record these meetings? JO will find out. Action: JO to confirm if PC Zoom meetings can be recorded	JO
7	<u>Matters arising from the December 21 Meeting</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Misuse of the fire alarm and its impact on pupil learning and safety <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The fire alarm: - JD: sent letter out to all parents about this. - JM (in chat): I thought the school response and communication to parents regarding the alarms was very good and comprehensive. - EA (in chat) : I agree and it gave me a chance to talk to the kids again about conduct and consequences 	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - AP: Raised issues that the Fire engine takes too long to get here. - JD: Agrees with AP. Disproportionate to risk if we know it's almost certainly a false alarm. When it happens because of malicious pranks, the school get fire fighters in to talk to the perpetrators. - AP: School needs to get the keys to the town hall so we can get kids into the warm in the coldest weather. JD to feed back on this next meeting. Rhona is checking if the townhall is an option. <p>Action: JD/RM to confirm if using the Townhall during a fire alarm incident is an option</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Update on the Health and Wellbeing Survey <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - JO: Updates the parent council on what the PC have done. PC will feedback to the council when we get answers. • Update on parental concerns about teens buying alcohol in the town <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - JO went into Londis and Premiere. All reassured him that neither alcohol or vapes are being sold to the kids. • Proposed joint meeting with Pitlochry High School Parent Council <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - KW proposed 30 March meeting. 	JD/RM
8	<p>Approve the Minutes of December 2021 Meeting - LINK TO MINUTES</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Approved 	
9	<p><u>Headteacher's Report</u> LINK DOCUMENT HERE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Slide 1 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - HMIE inspection — should know sometime in Jan what the results are. JD will share this with parents when it comes out. - SQA exams will still go ahead in 2022. School had the prelims this week, and are crunching numbers now. Otherwise, full steam ahead. - SG manifesto commitments: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Cost of school day — no longer charges for curriculum elements; o IMS - BA need to be careful about how they select; o Free school meals - All P4 and P5s to get free school meals (DATE) o One-to-one devices — will take a long time because of procurement challenges. BA may be part of pilot. This may run pilot with a secondary class. BA need to work out how teachers will manage a class in which all kids have devices. o Reduction of teachers' hours by 90 minutes a week. • Slide 2 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Attainment statistics - Key measurement points in P1, P4, P7 and S3. - In 2018/19 BA was above PKC average in most areas measured. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o To note: this is just one year and every year is different. o Small classes mean the performance of individual kids has big impact o Also, GME, so in any given year some kids are in GME. Research suggests that their development in English is slower, whilst they acquire Gaelic until P7. • Slide 3 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - BA Tracking November 2021 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Has identified where there has been lost learning and has been given extra funding from SG. o Need to focus on reading, writing and numeracy core skills. o VM — points out that GME language acquisition slower, so not expected to track other kids in English until P7. The P4 group, the ones underperforming, has a large cohort of GME kids. Didn't have Gaelic immersion in lockdown. - El: has PKC done projections. VM: not yet. 	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Slide 5 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Satchel 1 — introduced in 18/19 in the secondary. - Now, since lockdown, there has been some overlap in how staff use Teams and Satchel. Staff usage became inconsistent. Policy was to ask them to use both. - Some confusion among parents has also led to a drop-off in parental use of Satchel 1. - The license for Satchel 1 comes to an end in August 2022. • Slide 6 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Stop using Satchel 1 in S4 – S6. But staff must be conscientious about posting homework on Teams. - All S4 – S6 courses are on the website. Gives parents an overview of each subject. Something parents asked for. - Will continue to work with S1 – S3 on Satchel 1. Will work with staff to improve consistency. - Will also look at alternatives and other approaches to communicating with parents about homework. 	
10	<p><u>Update on Pitlochry Bus Issue</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - JD wrote to the public transport unit, he wanted to find out what the issues are for the Pitlochry pupils. Asked if there was any way times could be reduced and how did Pitlochry travel times compare with those from other areas. - PKC Transport unit will look to see if there are any options over summer. - JDuff: Described the bus routes coming into the school. - <i>JM (in Chat): There was an issue with the Rannoch bus, which had to turn back as it couldn't get through in the snow and the contingency was for parents to come get them. This doesn't seem like a great contingency when a lot of those parents didn't drive or couldn't get through themselves and it took a couple of parents to co-ordinate picking up other people's kids. Shouldn't there be a quicker call to action of getting the kids home before the weather turns too bad and roads are blocked?</i> - JD: that is a completely inaccurate characterization of what happened. School proactively sent the kids home early because of snow. BA recived a call from bus company to say the bus was stuck. BA called every parent to ask, if they had the means of getting their children home. Staff didn't go home until the last kids were collected. If things had been really bad, kids would have been put in local authority accommodation. - AP: Pitlochry bus situation not acceptable. In his day, there was a direct bus from Pitlochry that got to the school within 25 minutes. We need to get a faster service between our two towns for the pupils. - JD: If the local authority can find the money, that's great. But you need to find the same argument to Dunkeld, Dalguise etc. - AP: There used to be money before council cuts. Refers to the history of the 823 cuts. 	
11	<p><u>Continued use of face masks at Breadalbane</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - AP says facemasks have no benefit for reducing transmission <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Scottish Government won't drop this. Speculates there is a deal with teaching unions. o Case rates fell when masks were dropped in there. o Mask mandate not legally enforceable. o Parents have FOI'd councils and the Scottish Government asking for a H&S assessment. There is none. So, this is not legally enforceable. o AJP — reads the question from the FOI. Formal reply to this was that SG does not have information. o Is not mandatory - JD: not legally enforceable. 	

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	<p>- MS (in Chat) - As a parent of a Clinically Extremely Vulnerable pupil at Breadalbane, can I say that my lad's life would be even more disadvantaged if the mask mandate was withdrawn. I hope the school will continue to support those that are vulnerable within the school community by continuing to require masks.</p> <p>- JP (in Chat) - Strongly agree with MS</p>	
12	<p><u>Update on road-safety concerns at the campus</u></p> <p>- Karl asks for volunteers</p> <p>- Results of an FOI about school crossings in PKC</p>	
13	<p><u>Update on the Playground Project</u></p> <p>- El: We have been working with Rhona.</p> <p>- Biodiversity - PKC have awarded PC funding - school /Mitie are taking action -</p> <p>- Rhona and El working on a new funding application to Griffin this week - hopefully more updates to come soon.</p>	
14	<p><u>Update on school broadband and connectivity</u></p> <p>- El: HPLP item of action for a long time now, frustrating that BA is one of the few schools in PKC where internet does not support video calls, including for parents evenings</p> <p>- JD : Finds it frustrating, the feedback is that the campus has 1000Mb/s. But the school has twice trialed video parents evenings without success.</p> <p><i>Action: JDuff to speak to EL and get up to speed on the internet problems, PC has been asking for better Internet and a survey of Internet quality for a long time.</i></p>	JDuff/EL
15	<p><u>AOB</u></p> <p>- EL: thanks everyone for their hard work. JD agrees. Also asks everyone to get in touch if they have questions.</p>	
16	<p><u>Time & date of next meeting</u></p> <p>Wednesday 23 February 2022</p>	

Actions

- Shannon Mulholland to confirm the Parent Council Accounts Auditor
- Jason O'Flynn to confirm if PC Zoom meetings can be recorded
- John Devine/Rhona Munro to confirm if using the Townhall during a fire alarm incident is an option
- Councillor John Duff to speak to Eleanor Laurie and get up to speed on the internet problems, Parent Council has been asking for better Internet and a survey of Internet quality for a long time