

Meeting:	Breadalbane Academy Parent Council (BAPC) Meeting on 30 August 2022
Date & Time:	Tuesday 30 August 2022 6.30pm – 8.30pm
Location:	Hybrid meeting. In person at Breadalbane campus – Online via Zoom
Attendance:	Jane Carmichael, Shannon Mullholland (Treasurer), Karl Wright (Vice-Chair and acting chair), Gill Steele (Secretary), Andy Pointer, Anna Brocklehurst (AB), Cllr John Duff, Ann Taylor, Joanne Taylor, Marion Geerdink, Emma McCluskey, Robb Stubbs, Beck Fox, Kayleigh Wilson, John Devine- Headteacher , Vicky Marshall – DHT. <i>Note: there were also parents who attended using Microsoft Teams. We don't have their names.</i>
Apologies:	El Laurie

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1.	<u>Welcome, introductions and Apologies</u>	
2.	<p><u>Matters Arising from the 2021 AGM</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Question from the parent council to school on expected rise in the cost of electricity, it's impact on the school and pupils; plus any contingency plans by the school or PKC <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o <i>Action: JD was attending a PKC meeting about this topic the next day. He'll update the parent council at the next meeting on October 26.</i> - Road safety: Cllr John Duff explained that the PKC team visited the campus in the holidays and are working on making the following changes to approve road safety at Breadalbane Academy: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Dropped kerb at crossing beside bus lane to allow wheelchair access from parking bays. - 2 disabled parking bays each side of crossing - 20mph signs through the campus - Alma Ave – No entry painted on road - Alma Ave - Single yellow change to school keep clear zigzag - Pencil bollards beside clock – to prevent cars turning – Kelly to get John's agreement - A few more bike racks on right hand side beside bicycle pump - Repair of the bicycle pump and accessories. - The parent council asked Cllr Duff to ask the PKC road-safety team to also consider a path behind the cars parked opposite where the buses draw up, where the grass bank currently is. Children would then be able to cross at the crossing and walk behind the cars to their parents' vehicle, rather than wander on the busy road, as is the case now. Some kids can walk on the grass bank to stay off the road, but disabled kids cannot - The time frame for these improvements is roughly 4-5 months. o <i>Action: Cllr Duff agreed to put the point about a path on the opposite side of the crossing to the PKC road-safety team.</i> - Sport: Mairi McAdam asked for the school's and the parent council's help to improve participation in and access to sports, which has suffered since the end of lockdown. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mairi specifically raised transport as an obstacle preventing pupils from participating. - Jane mentioned that the ASN group is working to get parents and other volunteers MiDAS training, to enable them to drive minibuses. o <i>Action: Karl to meet with Mairi to see how the parent council can help with her efforts to increase sport participation.</i> 	

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3.	<p><u>Minutes of the May 2022 minutes</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Apologies from the chair. These weren't available at the time. They will be posted in time to be approved at the next meeting. 	
4.	<p><u>Headteacher's Report</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - GME Primary Teacher – unable to appoint at present. Mrs Marshall has written to parents to inform them of arrangements in the meantime. - Maths – Ms Fiona Fennel replaced by Mr Keith Ritchie - Ms Julie Sanderson moving to Perth HS. Advertisement extended. School not hopeful about getting applicants. Senior pupils recouring – though some online offer in Higher Admin. If unable to recruit in medium or longer term will look to expand virtual offer in 23/24. - SQA: school to provide a detailed report at the next meeting. - Post-COVID: Still some COVID restrictions in school, such as hand sanitisation in classes but expect that this may also be eased with next review. All schools are prepared for potential return of some restrictions in winter. - Learning and Teaching as a major focus for the school this year: the school will be giving over a lot of staff meeting time this session to work in cross sector collaborative groups focussing on learning and teaching theory and practice. - Targeted Support for Secondary: the school is looking at how it can provide more targeted support for a small number of young people in our secondary who are disengaged and involved in anti-social behaviour within and outwith school. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - This work is done in liaison with PKC Youth Services and Social Work; YMCA; community youth group Breathe, and the police. - The school is currently advertising for the post of Project Officer, who we would see as being part of a team to support these young people in school. <p>-</p>	
5.	<p><u>Discussion of the anti-bullying strategy and survey</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The school intends to ask PKC Youth Services for more resources - Teachers have been walking the town during lunch, when some of the bullying has happened. - Karen Gatehouse: school is working with various organisations to provide mental health wellness. - Jane Carmichael: Suggestions from the anti-bullying joint workgroup: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Kids who bully in town at lunch- kept at the school - Community school service to promote better behaviour - Having year groups going on different days - More personalised school policy for both children and parents tailored to the school - Have cohesive idea of what the stages of complaints are and a timeline - Some kids don't want to tell- Safe box that would allow kids to put their worries in the box for the kids. - Template newsletter- weekly - Things get buried on website. Different communication channels - Buddies and mentoring - Restorative Justice be used more. 	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The next meeting of the BAPC-school joint working group on anti-bullying will be on on Friday September 2nd. - Questions and suggestions from the floor: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Can the kids be kept in who are badly behaved. - Communication with the school and parents- especially P-7 to S-1 need to be improved - Safe havens in town should be publicised so they know where to go if there is a problem- suggested the list be published - Why are secondary kids still eating out of boxes and plastic cutlery? o <i>Action: JD agreed to look into whether and why kids are still eating out of boxes using plastic cutlery.</i> - Can the buddies get a certificate to have in their school record? - Karen Gatehouse addressed a parent's question about what the school does to proote the welfare of girls at school- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The website Everyone's Invited had Breadalbane on its list of schools at which an incident had occurred. But the nature of the site (incidents aren't matched to schools) means we can't tell which stories apply to the school. The school is no longer listed on the site. - Ask KG for list of steps in the event of a complaint or request for help. KG outlined the process a child can take to report an assault in school, at home or anywhere else: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Guidance teacher is the best first point of contact o But all staff have been trained to deal with this and children can speak to any member of staff about any issue. o School takes all reports seriously and involves police or child services were appropriate to do so. o Andy Pointed asked if incidence was increasing. Karen Gatehouse said it was not: had remained constant over her entire career. o Gill Steele said it was good to hear child safeguarding discussed in such detail. - Parents said it would be good for the school to publicise its safeguarding protocols and measures. - Anna Brocklehurst, former head of communications for the UK Department for Education and professional communications consultant, offered to work with the school on ways to improve comms, including potentially a newsletter: o <i>Action: JD agreed to meet with Anna to explore new ways the school could communicate with parents.</i> - 	
6.	<p><u>Update from the health & wellbeing group</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Health and Well Being Night/ 5- 7pm -open night primary through S3 to show parents what is available for health and wellbeing for kids. Stalls will be included for parents to visit. Dinner stall? September 28th- Tayside contracts will provide tasters. - Can the PC provide a food stall and volunteers to run it? Where would funds raised go? (need to ask Tayside about how to keep food warm etc) - Does PC have any banners etc for the stall. (may be in School cupboard) hoping to encourage more patents to attend. - Time to talk for young people- having adults available to students to come in to talk and seek advice. 	
7.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <u>Reviving the role of parent-council reps as trusted neutral parties</u> 	

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	- Parent Council that parents be able to bring BAPC members to meetings, as trusted third parties, if they want to. John Devine agreed to this.	
8.	<p><u>Restarting co-operation with Pitlochry Parent Council</u></p> <p>- Karl: we're in touch with Pitlochry Parent Council, which has a new chair. We've offered to meet and have expressed our desire to work together. We're waiting for Pitlochry to come back to us with dates for a meeting.</p>	
9.	<p><u>Update on status of accounts</u></p> <p>- Shannon: still in the process of transferring the accounts from Tommy's name to hers and setting up online banking. Should be able to submit accounts for approval by the next meeting.</p>	
10.	<p><u>Parental concerns about calorie counts on school menus</u></p> <p>- A parent was worried about the impact of ScotGov plans to put calories on school menus, particularly on kids with eating disorders. - The school confirmed that this plan is no longer going ahead.</p>	
11.	<p><u>Any other business (AOB)</u></p> <p>- Would the parent council be willing to fund an event for the Ukrainians. Parents suggested inviting them to the open evening.</p>	
12.	<p><u>Time and date of next meeting</u></p> <p>- 7pm, Wednesday 28 September, 2022</p>	

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