

Meeting:	Breadalbane Academy Parent Council (BAPC)
Date & Time:	Tuesday 28 March 2023 6.30pm – 8.30pm
Location:	Hybrid meeting
Attendance:	Rob Stubbs (chair), Sara Rutherford, Andy Pointer, Jan Romain, Laura Murphy, Mairi McAdam, Lorraine Reed, Councillor John Duff, John Devine (JD), Vicky Marshall.
Apologies:	El Laurie, Karl Wright

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1. <u>Welcome, introductions and Apologies.</u>	
2. <u>Matters Arising from Feb 2023 meeting.</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ski trip funds have been paid. Re. item 5) Chair wrote to EIS union re teachers strikes, response was disappointing. 	
3. <u>School Trips</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> There was discussion around the lack of school trips, notably for primary pupils. It was perceived that fewer trips were offered and parents asked that primary trips be targeted for at least one per year. Parents have previously expressed their support with running targeted fundraising for these trips which parent council supports. It was also noted that trips need not be too expensive or to distant places, and that there were plenty of close and /or free locations. VM mentioned they were looking at the open days as Atholl Estates. RS mentioned that parent council would be happy to support trips and that parents had experienced a keenness to fund raise for their own specific class trip(s). 	
4. <u>Headteacher's report (John Devine)</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Staffing update ECP appointed in Nursery – details to be confirmed. Good news as staffing in nursery has been tight. Mrs Janet Munro – retiring at Easter. Led Nurture Base; was acting SfL teacher in primary and covered many absences. New office staff – Lolita Lukas started this week. One further appointment still to be confirmed. (Campus opening hours should return to normal – end April.) GME primary teacher – interviewing week beginning 27/03/2023. PT Home Economics – Mrs Neilson is Acting-PT, Mrs Jenkins from primary is supporting as is retraining to be a secondary HE teacher. Mrs Chamberlain should be back in May. History Vacancy – Mrs Poole will continue until summer. Probationer thereafter. PSA Covid recovery – Lorraine Freshwater leaving at Easter. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Post meeting note Karen Gatehouse is also retiring. Pitlochry HS being inspected at start of next term. HMIE will also look at transition in S4 to BA and speak with BA staff. An increasing number of inspections are now taking place. BA's last inspection was 2013 so probably due another one in the next few years. This is why VSE is very useful. 	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Validated Self-Evaluation <p>Looking at 4 Pillars of Inclusion – Attending, Supported, Participating, Achieving. Will now take place last week beginning 27/03/2023.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Astroturf <p>Funding now in place for 3G astroturf – work definitely taking place in Easter – public footpath at side of astroturf will <remain open> during works.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Industrial Action <p>Teachers dispute now settled. BA experienced an additional three days disruption to learning. Have agreed to extend Easter Study school into second week. Details now shared with parents.</p>	John Duff to follow up on 'adopted path'
5.	<p><u>Anti-Bullying</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The anti-bullying subgroup will meet again in May, and it's planned for the survey to be re-run. 	
6.	<p><u>School security and safeguarding</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> JD discussed the school's security arrangements and how it had been successfully risk assessed. Access control works well most of the time, and pupils are reminded not to inadvertently leave fire doors open. 	
7.	<p><u>Fundraising update</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> MM updated on the monies thus raised (Basil Death), and the planned microgrant requests via the 5 relevant local community councils. It was also noted that we have the Thrift shop the week of the 23rd July. Post meeting note, actually 4th – 10th June. JD asked about support for sending pupils to watch the senior football finals in Perth from the council. 	John Duff will enquire
8.	<p><u>MIDAS Driver bank</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> MM advised the training was in conjunction with the Upper Tay Transport Group, but that information would be forthcoming asking for volunteers (all costs would be covered). JD advised that this information could be included in the 30th Mar newsletter. There was also discussion around provisioning breakfast foodstuffs to the school for pupils who hadn't had breakfast. Options including the community supermarket and a co-op gift card were mentioned. 	<p>JD to talk to Kelly who has the details</p> <p>MM to talk to the co-op</p>
9.	<p><u>Swimming project</u></p>	MM drafting funding application

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The aim is to have 1 term of swimming for all pupils from P3 to P7. Funding will be applied for from Calliachar / SSE grants, to support training staff to be swim instructors. 	
10.	<p><u>Requests for funds (from the school)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Funding requests are being collated by the school before sharing with the parent council, to ensure equity and review of all requests at the same time. Discussion took place around the sports day medals, and it was felt the 'medal for all competitors' was not a financially sound model nor was it favoured by pupils when surveyed. Alternatives such as certificates and stickers will be considered, along with medals for the top 3. 	VM to follow up
11.	<p><u>Role of the parent council survey ?</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Options were discussed around a parent/carer survey and whether before year end, or start of new school year were best. Most people were in favour of conducting this this school year. JD had some thoughts on questions and RS will draft some options / questions. 	RS will draft some questions for discussion
12.	<p><u>AOB</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> In the spirit of equity, it was asked whether the school logo which can be on school clothing, could be purchased as a patch to be affixed to clothing parents sourced themselves ? There was discussion around a P4 class holding 'spare' school uniforms and seeking donations. There was discussion around additional support for working parents with regards provision of after school clubs. A number of parents are having to cut ours or even quit jobs to be able to accommodate school drop off and collection. Whilst the school would not be able to resource this, it would support it and space to run such a group exists on campus. It was suggested that a community survey was conducted to ascertain interest from parents in both using as well as perhaps helping run, such a service. Councillor John Duff shared that funding had been secured for a feasibility study to be conducted with regards a new Pitlochry Community Campus. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Post meeting note. RS to find out the details and scope of the feasibility study and to ensure full consultation is undertaken with the wider community. There was discussion around the community garden and whether the school take this over. With the taking on of natures wood the school don't have the capacity to do this. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Post meeting note, this area appears to be being actively used and the Aberfeldy community council are aware of it. 	<p>VM will see how much this is used</p> <p>LR to draft a survey</p> <p>RS to engage with the council</p>

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13.	<p><u>Time & date of next parent council meeting</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Next full meeting 6:30pm, Thursday 25 May – which is the AGM. • A separate committee meeting was agreed for Weds 26th Apr, which is parents only. 	