

Meeting:	Breadalbane Academy Parent Council (BAPC) – Parents meeting
Date & Time:	Wednesday 26 April 2023 6.30pm – 8.00pm
Location:	Hybrid meeting
Attendance:	Rob Stubbs (chair), Andrew Pointer, Jan Romain, Jane Carmichael, Libby Hughes, Gillian Buttar, Pat Spicer (Road safety).
Apologies:	El Laurie, Councillor John Duff, Laura Murphy

Item		Action
1.	<u>Welcome, introductions and Apologies.</u>	
2.	<u>Matters Arising from March 2023 meeting.</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Adopted path status clarification ongoing (by astroturf pitch) Senior school football MIDAS driver information was included in the last newsletter Breakfast provision discussion, with co-op ongoing Funding applications for swimming and microgrants have been applied for P4 spare uniform discussion ongoing After school clubs survey has been shared Pitlochry community campus, PC will meet with Xander - TBC 	John Duff Mairi VM Chair
3.	<u>Road Safety</u> Pat shared with us that a number of concerns were raised around road safety in the vicinity of the school. Crossing Crieff Road both at the crossroads and near the school road entrance had been mentioned, notably the pedestrian crossing traffic lights were on 'green man' for far too short a time. Pat will be presenting to the community council, in early May.	Pat
4.	<u>Thrift shop</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> We have the thrift shop between the 4th and 10th of June, please help us to run it – Libby is seeking helpers. 	
5.	<u>P4 – P7 playground opening – 9am 1st June</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> There will be an official opening of the new playground on the 1st June, after drop-off. It would be great if parents were able to stay around to celebrate (with cake). John Swinney and others will be in attendance. 	
6.	<u>ASN update</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jane mentioned her change in role and the formation of Highland Perthshire Plus which supports both children and adults with additional support needs. Jane will though continue to lead Aberfeldy plus and support parents with regards young people at the school with ASN. 	
7.	<u>P7 hoodies</u>	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Parent council agreed to support the subsidising of hoodies for P7 pupils who are transitioning to S1. This is expected to amount to £180 which is very similar to last year. 	
8.	<p><u>Homework in Secondary</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A couple of parents commented on an apparent lack of feedback on secondary homework, and it not being posted on teams. School policy is for feedback to be provided within 2-weeks and that it is recorded in teams. If this is not happening, please get in touch with Lorna Libreri (LMLibreri@PKC.gov.uk) who has oversight of homework and assessments. 	
9.	<p><u>DHT recruitment update</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> RS advised that the process is ongoing and he had reviewed the candidates for short leeting. There were approximately 9 candidates, with 6 being short leeted, and candidates included some internal candidates. PC will be involved in the interviews, providing 2 interviewers and a standby. Stage 2 interviews are being held around 11th May. There was discussion around PKC's internal processes and a concern that it cut out parental involvement and was not in accordance with the parental involvement act. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Andrew Pointer will share a document detailing these deviations, with a view to escalating these as appropriate. 	AP to share
10.	<p><u>Anti-Bullying</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> There was lengthy discussion around both bullying and anti-social behaviour. It was noted that school staff are rarely visible outside school at leaving times and that some secondary pupils are sometimes seen smoking or vaping, just outside the school building. This clearly sets a bad example for younger pupils but also looks bad from both a parent and public perception. It was also mentioned that reports of bullying were not always promptly acted on or followed up, and some school staff were too quick to make excuses for the bullies' behaviours rather than listening to and supporting the victims / families. 	
11.	<p><u>Role of the parent council survey ?</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> This will be carried over 	Chair
12.	<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. 	