

Meeting:	Breadalbane Academy Parent Council (BAPC) – Parents meeting
Date & Time:	Tuesday 29th Aug 2023 6.30pm – 8.00pm
Location:	Hybrid meeting
Attendance:	Rob Stubbs (chair), Andrew Pointer, Jan Romain, Jane Carmichael, Libby Hughes, John Devine (Head), Ian Melville, Gill Steele, Priyang Inokie, Rebecca Fox, Rebecca G, Lindsay McManamon
Apologies:	Councillor John Duff, Shannon Mulholland

Item		Action
1.	<u>Welcome, introductions and Apologies.</u>	
2.	<u>Matters Arising from April 2023 meeting.</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Breakfast provision discussion, with co-op ongoing 	Mairi
3.	<u>Purpose of the Parent Council</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Attendees were reminded of the purpose of the parent council – namely it's a parent led body with statutory responsibilities as laid out in the parental involvement act (2006), and the Education Act (1980, and amendments). In addition, the PC gets involved in fundraising activities and has a number of subcommittees, which change over time depending on need. Current active subcommittees include the Additional Support Needs group, and the anti-bullying group. PC meets monthly during term time, using hybrid technology We are always looking for more volunteers to help, and have a number of vacancies on the committee. If you are interested in learning more or would like to get more involved, please contact the chairperson. 	
4.	<u>Head teachers report</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Staffing update GME: Ms Mairi Morton has now taken up post of primary GME teacher. Ms Morton achieved a distinction in spoken Gaelic which is very encouraging. With Mrs Menzies returning part-time this session, this now gives us 2.6 primary GME teachers. Primary Intensive Support Provision – Ms Julia Peters left at end of June. Post has now been advertised and school hopes to appoint shortly. History: Ms Emma Stewart covering vacancy over Session 23-24 PE: Gillian Arnott has left permanently to take up PE post in Perth Academy. Has been replaced by Ms Eilidh Hinselwood. The department also has another probationer teacher, Ms Claire Fillingham. Our previous probationer in PE, Rhys Fraser, has now taken up post in Bertha Park HS. Acting head of primary: Mrs Marshall will finish her stint as acting-HT for Kenmore and Grandtully on Friday. During this first three weeks Ms Wallace has been covering in the primary. DHT Support – Secondary: Mr Craig Martin has now joined our team on a permanent basis as a replacement for Mrs Karen Gatehouse who retired in June. 2. Pitlochry HS PHS was inspected last term and report issued in June. Very limited mention of Breadalbane but the report did state this about transitions from S4: Following S4, staff ensure effective transitions for young people as they move to Breadalbane Academy, college, work or training. 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> As HMIE are again very active, we expect further inspections in PKC this session. It is possible this could include BA, but there are several other PKC schools whose last inspection was less recent. If we are inspected, our recent Validated Self-Evaluation visit, which was very positive, should stand us in good stead. 3. Attendance The school's attendance was generally disappointing last year with a particular problem in S4 where attendance fell to 83% - joint lowest in PKC. I have written to all parents seeking their support on this in Session 23-24. We feel that this impacted on some quite disappointing attainment in S4 with numbers down for N3, N4 and N5 passes. 	
5.	<u>Banking Update</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Good news on the financial side is that our Bank account should be fully operational again very soon, with new signatories approved by the B of S. This means the outstanding transactions such as expenses should be dealt with very soon. 	
6.	<u>Breadalbane Guarantee Monies</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Breadalbane Guarantee was discussed and it was agreed in principal that PC would support this for the next two years (subject to ratification of our finances). An amount of £500 per activity per year was agreed (Watersports and Skiing). The chair will follow this up with the Treasurer and report back at the next meeting. 	Rob and Shannon
7.	<u>ASN update</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jane will provide content for the next school newsletter which is targeted for around mid-September. 	
8.	<u>Anti-Bullying</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The next meeting of the anti-bullying group is 22nd Sept, at which the latest (parent) survey results will be shared and discussed. This will be shared at the next parent council meeting 	
9.	<u>Pitlochry Community Campus</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Following a meeting with Provost McDade this item is closed 	
10.	<u>AOB</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gill shared the big places survey and asked that all those interested please complete The Big Place Conversation - Perth & Kinross Council (pkc.gov.uk) It should also be noted that additional housing is being sought for supported living. 	
11.	<u>Time & date of next parent council meeting</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Next full meeting 6:30pm, Thursday 28 Sept 	