

Meeting:	Breadalbane Academy Parent Council (BAPC) – Parents meeting
Date & Time:	Thurs 23rd Nov 2023 6.30pm – 8.20pm
Location:	Hybrid meeting
Attendance:	Rob Stubbs (chair), Andrew Pointer, John Devine (Head), Craig Martin, Joel Watson, Vicky Marshall, Councillor John Duff, Mairi McAdam, Libby Hughes, Karl Wright, Gill Steele
Apologies:	Shannon Mulholland

Item		Action
1.	<u>Welcome, introductions and Apologies. And request for help and more volunteers</u> Karl volunteered to work with Vick Marshall to coordinate primary Christmas decorations.	Karl
2.	<u>Matters Arising from Sept 2023 meeting.</u> See discussion of 'Friends' below	
3.	<u>Funds request</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A request for funds for the Skye room (£101.21) was approved. 	
4.	<u>Mr Martin Introduction</u> Mr Martin, the new depute in secondary introduced himself, and his role. One of his roles is to support transition.	
5.	<u>Head Teachers Report</u> 1. Staffing update Primary Intensive Support Provision - Ms Lucy Hunter has been appointed to this post but is awaiting backfill for nursery teaching post before taking up post. Primary 7 teacher – Mr Marcus Shadbolt has now been appointed to this position and has now taken up the post. Nursery – Susan Carchrie has left as an ECP and this vacancy has been filled by Ms Kati Rocsik, who has consequently left as a Nursery Play Assistant. Gayle Henderson ECP has left this week, so post is being advertised. Katie Hobson – nursery play assistant has moved to be a P1 ECP. Post being advertised. Maths – Our Principal Teacher of Maths absence since October continues and we have also recently lost Mr Keith Ritchie who has resigned. I have written to all secondary parents to make them aware of alternative arrangements which will be in run until Christmas. These include the support of two experience Maths teacher. One of these teachers, Fiona Fennell has also been appointed to the post of Principal Teacher Raising Attainment, Maths and Numeracy, a one day a week post that will run until Easter. Science – Mr Mair in Science has been off since early in the session we continue to cover	

	<p>his classes internally.</p> <p>2. Attendance I have written to all parents about attendance and we continue to share year groups statistics on attendance at secondary assemblies. There will be a further feature on this the newsletter this week. We have also been asked to present at a local attendance event for schools as both our primary and secondary attendance has improved this session.</p> <p>3. Anti-bullying We continue to work with a parent-staff group to monitor our approaches to bullying and there will be an update in the newsletter. Most recently we have surveyed all pupils and have also undertaken focus groups to explore more young people's views and experiences.</p> <p>There was a question around sports attendance in school time, but Mr Devine stated that nothing had changed and such events continued as before.</p>	
6.	<p><u>Update from the Chair</u></p> <p>Rob mentioned Scottish governments proposal to create a new body to replace SQA, and that there was a public consultation ongoing (link posted on our Facebook group page).</p>	
7.	<p><u>Finances update</u></p> <p>Online banking is working now although there are still a few outstanding issues.</p> <p>Some long overdue expenses have now been paid - thanks for the recipients' patience !</p>	
7.	<p><u>Update re Friends of Breadalbane Academy</u></p> <p>Friends of Breadalbane was discussed and the inter-relationship between Friends and Parent Council was going to be more clearly defined moving forwards. The Friends constitution was being refined such that in future such discussions are covered by both constitutions.</p>	
8.	<p><u>Anti-bullying update</u></p> <p>The anti-bullying group had met recently and one of the things discussed was increasing visibility of survey results and the anti-bullying policy. It was agreed to have a stand at future parent evenings to display this information. This was noted at the recent S1 parents evening.</p>	
9.	<p><u>AOB</u></p> <p>There was discussion around trying to attract more parents and carers to attend PC meetings, and to increase parental awareness of our roles and activities. It was agreed that we would have a presence at the primary and secondary end of year performances. Karl will coordinate this.</p> <p>There was mention of a recent government consultation on RHSE, which seems to have gone under the radar, and which had just closed. There was some concern around the planned content and the openness around engaging with parents and sharing its scope and content.</p>	<p>Karl</p> <p>Mr Devine</p>
10.	<p><u>Time & date of next parent council meeting</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Next full meeting 6:30pm, Thurs 25th Jan - <u>note this is a change to the previously advertised date.</u> 	