

Meeting:	Breadalbane Academy Parent Council (BAPC) – Parents meeting
Date & Time:	Thurs 25th Jan 2024 6.30pm – 8.20pm
Location:	Hybrid meeting
Attendance:	Rob Stubbs (chair), Andrew Pointer, John Devine (Head), Joel Watson, Vicky Marshall, Libby Hughes, Gwen Smollett, Jill Watson, Scott Douglas, David Maclean, Emma Burtles, Ian Melville, Nina Bulland, Claire Dimmock, Jess Pepper, Sara Rutherford, Anna Brocklehurst, Marion Geerink, Karen Mackay
Apologies:	Mairi McAdam

Item	Action
1. <u>Welcome, introductions and Apologies.</u>	
2. <u>Matters Arising from Nov 2023 meeting.</u>	
3. <u>Wellbeing festival</u> Parent council was asked if we were able to help out at the wellbeing festival in May or June. In theory we would but would need volunteers.	
4. <u>Climate cafe</u> Parent council was asked if we were able to help out at the climate cafe event, Sat 23rd March. Again help from volunteers would be required (post meeting note, a few parents have offered to help).	
5 <u>SQA</u> David Maclean give a presentation on his role within SQA and how having teachers like him, performing key roles within SQA helps the school and its students better understand the system, avoid common pitfalls and target any learning gaps.	
6 <u>Head Teacher report</u> 1. Staffing update DHT Support – Mr Craig Martin is now on secondment to Perth Academy. Mr Scott Douglas and Mrs Anna Glover are covering this post. In turn, Mrs Sarah Matthews is sharing the PT PE post with Scott and Gemma Mowat is sharing the PT Guidance post with Anna. Guidance secondment – Mr O'Donnell has been seconded to Perth Academy to cover a Guidance maternity leave. His classes will be covered by Ms Emma Stewart and Mrs Gillian Poole. Science – Mr Mair in Science has been off since early in the session we continue to cover his classes internally. No other staffing announcements beyond those in the Maths update to be discussed later. 2. Attendance We attended a local attendance event for schools and were asked to contribute as both our primary and secondary attendance has improved this session. We will continue to maintain a high profile for this theme this session.	

	<p>3. The Breadalbane Guarantee</p> <p>Breadalbane Academy was one of two secondary schools and the only all-through school invited to share good practice on curriculum planning and an event in Perth last week open to all school. Those who listened to our presentation were very impressed by the work we have done on the Breadalbane Guarantee and a representative from Education Scotland said he wished he had attended a school like ours.</p> <p>4. Breadalbane Values work – Belonging, Believing, Aspiring, Achieving.</p> <p>The headteacher was invited to share work that the school had done on developing our values statement at an induction session for new headteachers across the Tayside region. Again, our work was help us as good practice.</p> <p>5. Sunday Times League Table</p> <p>Although our exam results were weaker this year than they have been in a long time, the school did well in this comparison again this year as it is based on leavers results so includes performances over the last three years. Although these tables are not a fair comparison, in general, as there are a number of factors at play in examination results, it is a good way to see how we are performing against similar school. Most gratifying was that we came equal tenth place in Scotland for young people achieving 2 or more Advanced Highers.</p>	
6.	<p><u>Homework Update</u></p> <p>Parents had expressed concern around the lengthy delays in students getting their homework marked and comments feedback. Scott (who is acting secondary depute, alongside Anna Glover) explained there had been some deficiencies and that staff would be reminded of their obligations, and to make it clear to students if for example any homework was not going to be marked. There will be a whole school teachers meeting at which homework will be one of the topics. Additionally, a working group with parents would be setup and parent volunteers have been requested.</p>	
7.	<p><u>Maths Update</u></p> <p>Significant challenges have been experienced in staffing the maths department, given the staff departures and the national shortage of maths teachers. Gaps have been filled almost always with teachers qualified to teach maths (up to that level), and some additional teachers have either been recruited or offered positions subject to satisfactory working visa grants.</p> <p>The school is closely monitoring performance and tracking grades (including prelims). There have been occasions where children were tested on work they'd not been taught, which the school stated was done in error. The pupils impacted have been apologised to.</p> <p>Additional maths resources are available online, and the following have been recommended by the school;</p> <p>Nat 5 - National5maths.co.uk, mathsrevision.com, DLB maths (YouTube videos) Higher maths - hsn. higher maths, notes and worked examples Alt maths - Auchmuty High Advanced Higher Maths - has notes and worked examples.</p>	
8.	<p><u>Finances update</u></p> <p>The chair stated that our treasurer will soon be retiring and there is an urgent need for a replacement. We have asked that outstanding funds be transferred to the school to be used for the purposes for which they were obtained (eg grants). Note this has been hugely delayed by problems at the bank with getting new signatories added.</p>	

8.	<p><u>Anti-bullying update</u></p> <p>The next anti-bullying meeting will take place early Feb and an update will be provided at the next PC meeting.</p>	
9.	<p><u>AOB</u></p> <p>Mr Devine announced that he will be retiring at the end of this school year. There was a brief mention of the sale of sports drinks to young people in the town, which whilst not illegal, was outwith the government guidances. Mr Devine would follow up with local retailers.</p> <p>Karen Mackay announced that she had taken over as chair of the CMP (Gaelic) parent group, and was looking forwards to working closely alongside parent council.</p> <p>There was discussion about the clothing options for pupils doing swimming lessons. Mr Douglas assured parents that any preferences could be accommodated, eg pupils could wear T-shirts over swim wear if required.</p>	Mr Devine
10.	<p><u>Time & date of next parent council meeting</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Next meeting 6:30pm, Thur 22nd Feb. 	