

Meeting:	Breadalbane Academy Parent Council (BAPC) – Parents meeting
Date & Time:	Thurs 22nd Feb 2024 6.30pm – 8.00pm
Location:	Hybrid meeting
Attendance:	Rob Stubbs (chair), Andrew Pointer, John Devine (Head), Jill Watson, Katrina Wallace, Libby Hughes, Guy Verrier, Gill Steele, Ewan McDougal, Anna Brocklehurst
Apologies:	Shannon Mulholland, Karl Wright

Item	Action
1. <b><u>Welcome, introductions and Apologies.</u></b>	
2. <b><u>Matters Arising from Jan 24 meeting.</u></b> None	
3. <b><u>Election of Officers</u></b> The current chair stood down, after stating he was happy to stand for re-election, and John Devine chaired. Rob Stubbs was proposed as Chair by Andrew Pointer, and seconded by Gill Steele, this was carried and Rob resumed chairing the meeting. Shannon Mulholland resigned as treasurer and Gill Steele stood as the new treasurer. Gill was proposed by Anna Brocklehurst, seconded by Andrew Pointer, this was passed, Gill Steele is the new treasurer.	
4 <b><u>Headteacher report</u></b>  1. Staffing update  HT Recruitment  Advertisement going up shortly. Planned that interviews will take place early in 4th term and will involve Parent Council.  DHT Support  We hope that Mr Craig Martin will return to the school in the last two weeks of this term and this period will include an overlap with colleagues covering the post. We were able to agree to a short extension of this secondment as cover arrangements had proved so robust.  Science  Mr Mair in Science has now returned to school following a lengthy absence.  Business Studies  The school is making arrangements for S4-6 reports to be produced now following significant staff absence in the departments. We also hope that all senior phase parents will receive a telephone consultation.  Maths  Mrs Lumsden leaves us tomorrow to begin maternity leave. I have written to all parents with a detailed update on the Maths staffing position and an update on attainment, and we will be holding an information session next week for parents to raise and issues or questions. As always, where there are individual concerns, parents should contact the school directly.	

	<p>Nursery</p> <p>We have appointed Muriel Hayes to the post of ECP, along with two Play Assistants.</p> <p>2. Community Police Officer</p> <p>We are pleased to say has once again been provided with a community police officer who plans to be in and out of school regularly to support our work. Following some incidents of pupils' using racist language we felt as an additional support to our own work, it would be useful to have our community policeman speak with pupils about racism and the law.</p> <p>3. Care Inspectorate Inspection</p> <p>The school experienced a surprise inspection this week and received feedback yesterday. Although the report will not be published until closer to the end of term, we can confirm that this visit went very well.</p> <p>3. Sport Gold Award</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. Battlefields Trip – 2025</p> <p>Very pleased to say that this long tradition will be getting revived next session. Info will go to parents shortly.</p>	
5.	<p><b><u>Chairs Report</u></b></p> <p>RS gave a short update on the HT recruitment - which PC had fed back to PKC on the job specification with just a couple of minor comments.</p> <p>The 'homework meeting' is to be scheduled at the start of next term.</p> <p>And following a request from parents, the next parent council meeting would focus on primary, and Vicky Marshall will be attending.</p>	
6.	<p><b><u>Finances update</u></b></p> <p>New treasurer appointed and we are optimistic for a smooth change of officers at the Bank.</p>	
7.	<p><b><u>Anti-bullying update</u></b></p> <p>Mr Devine has spoken to school staff and office staff will be given refresher training around the 'duty officer', i.e. senior member of staff who is available in school for parents to consult for urgent matters. QR codes will be displayed for both pupils and parents to access in case of bullying incidents.</p>	
8.	<p><b><u>AOB</u></b></p> <p>Referrals were discussed, and this is listed in the 'relationships' policy.</p> <p>AB asked about the mobile phone policy, this topic will be carried over to a future meeting.</p>	
9.	<p><b><u>Time &amp; date of next parent council meeting</u></b></p> <p>Next meeting 6:30pm, Thur 29th May - AGM.</p>	