

Breadalbane Academy Parent Council

07 Nov 2024 - Minutes

Apologies: Mairi McAdam

Attendees – Felicity Coleman, Gill Steele, Rob Stubbs (Chair), Anna Brocklehurst, Lynne Lambert (HT), Jill Watson, Councillor John Duff, Julie Thompson (acting primary depute), Sarah Laing, Gwen Smollett, Libby Hughes, Ewan Twiselton.

1. Matters Arising from last meeting – none
2. Chair welcomed Mrs Lambert to the role, since last meeting appointed to permanent role.
 - Mrs Lambert introduced Julie Thompson to the Parent Council. Acting DH in the primary school. The perm post will hopefully advertised by next week and process completed by Xmas holidays. Full involvement of the parent council will happen all through the process.
 - Mrs Lambert asked the PC for feedback on a range of areas around communication, involvement in the school and more. Parents were asked what the school could consider starting, stopping and keeping.
Mrs Lambert agreed to collate and share with SLT
Action – weekly newsletter to go to councillors on mailing list
3. Chairs report
 - RS attended the Chairs meeting at PKC. And provided an update.
 - A discussion was held around mobile phone use in school with a range of views expressed. Mrs Lambert confirmed that a recommendation to the LLCommittee at PKC with guidance on mobile phone use goes to the committee in February. (post meeting note, most likely May now due to revised calendar for 2025 meetings). Mrs Libreri is part of the group looking at this. School will update after this but cannot change the PKC policy at this stage
 - LLC update – the Chair provided an update on this.
4. Treasurers Report
 - BAPC account has £8297.95.
 - Friends of BA account – this month received £2541.56 from Coop
 - Current balance is £6708.67
 - o 3000 set aside for transport training (basil death). Proposal to approach Basil Death and ask to re-allocate this to general training – supported and treasurer will action
 - Funding requests through for:
 - o P4,6 highland wildlife trip £700 – next may/ June. Approved

- Workshops by live and learn – mindset for exams. 6 x repeat workshops for s3-6 £1796 +VAT/ study skills will also work with teachers. End November . Approved
- Laptops- primary team meeting Monday what the ask here is
- PE teachers would like to offer Dance as part of core PE curriculum across primary. 2 x teachers (training course) £800 – to pay January. Approved
- Q about mentors and 5 x higher only support – HT to discuss with parent on specifics and noted re should we have more mentors for pupils who aren't doing x 5 higher

5. Councillors Update

- L and Families CTtee update
 - Sheena Devlin leaving PKC as Strategic Lead for Education. Last day 22/11. Recruiting for this post
 - Budgets cuts predicted include (pending SG cuts next month)
 - Cllr Duff agreed to look at potential budget cut areas and discuss with HT

6. AOB

- a. Sumdog – HT meeting with Mhari re funding and will come back to the group on this and literacy apps
- b. School Uniform – HT confirmed there is no change to the schools policy around uniform at this point or planned
- c. Anti-bullying week – next week. HT updated on plans for next week and updated policy
- d. Q around playground in the upper school and access to resources. Mrs Thompson confirmed these should be accessible every day.
- e. Q around getting kids more engaged in coming to school. HT updated on health and wellbeing questionnaire at school. Hoping that data will give more information about specific year groups/ problem areas.
- f. Request for update on behaviour / reward and recognition policy at next meeting.
- g. Online safety/ Safeguarding – is there anything more that parents can access around this? AB to look at any business support that's available etc.

7. Next Meeting

4.12.2024