

Breadalbane Academy Parent Council

21 Jan 2025 - Minutes

Apologies: Gill Steele, Anna Brocklehurst

Attendees – Samantha Montgomery-Gordon, Rob Stubbs (Chair), Lynne Lambert (HT), Jill Watson, Karen Mackay, Julie Thompson (primary depute), Craig Martin (secondary depute), Lorna Libreri (secondary depute), Jamie Laing, Libby Hughes, Mairi McAdam

1. Matters Arising from last meeting – none

2. HT Report.

Under curriculum, a drop in attainment and a reduced role, meant that there would be a change to the school day to a 7 period day, 35 period week.

Change would begin on the 12th May.

At the same time pupils moving into senior phase (S3 onwards) would be choosing subjects and thus would be spending 3 rather than the previous 2 periods on their chosen subjects. This should help boost attainment.

The snug hub will continue after staff changes, just with some minor changes.

3. Chairs report

4. Treasurers Report

- Funding requests through for:
 - o £2300 from the monies approved for MIDAS training. Approved
 - o Live and learn repeat in Sept / Oct £895. Approved

5. GME / Gaelic Update

- Karen reported positive interactions with the school SLT. A 1/2 day outdoor learning experience had taken place, and the group had requests for funding for extra curricula activities.

6. AOB

- a. There was a question about anti-bullying and when the next meeting or update would happen - should be March / April PC meeting as a new policy has come into place from PKC
- b. A question was asked around academic competitions and it was noted that there was a lunchtime chess club, but that competitions would be investigated for future.
- c. A grant request has been submitted (by Mairi) for a primary digital improvement program. Post meeting note, the request was unfortunately rejected.
- d. The library have been given additional IT equipment for coding club, including six laptops.

7. Next Meeting

11 Feb 2025 (mobile phones policy survey)