

## 29 May 25 – Breadalbane Academy Parent Council Minutes

Attendees: Rob Stubbs (Chair), Lorna Librari, Lynne Lambert (HT), Julie Thompson, Jill Watson, Libby Hughes, Anna Brocklehurst, Councillor John Duff

Apologies: Gill Steel

1. Matters arising from the last meeting - None

2. HT Update

a. Update on timetable changes

Rationale was to i) enrich the curriculum and ii) raise attainment

Building the foundations for Nationals- increased time for each period, Increase in time for Higher subjects. 35 period week was deemed to be the best model.

Started on 12 May, introduced double periods, input into course choice

b. Monday S5/6 back. 28 new pupils from Pitlochry into S5/6. Thurs/ Fri S1 are in school – full school assembly Friday.

c. 56 S1 pupils/ 60 is the maximum.

d. S1 induction (1 day in school, 1 overnight Comrie Croft)

e. Before end term – sports days, prize giving MOD.

f. Reduction in numbers in primary – 6 primary classes and 2 x GME. Uptake in GME nursery. 8-16 GME children 3 x days/ week . P1/2 and P2/3 composite classes. Update to parents on Monday AM about this. Primary probationary teacher in primary this year. 3 x probationary teachers across schools – new PE probation teacher, 1 x English probationary teacher (moving from Aberdeen).

g. Departures

i. Mrs Rudie leaving – tech teacher in Farr/ Bettyhill.

Advertising next week

ii. Maths Department – Mrs McKay – PT, Mrs

Lumsden 4x days a week, Mr Clark, Mr Edwards leaving (Crieff) – he is 3 x days/ week. Advertised next week.

iii. Mr O Donnell – Modern Studies/ guidance

returning to school

h. Mobile Phones – final draft of policy with PC tomorrow. Start sharing the plans on Friday with learners and parents – there will be a change in Aug.

i. 10 % of primary (6% of secondary) have English as an additional language.

3. Chairs Report

- Mrs L – seconded at start of year then permanent.

- Positive feedback on engagement with pupils and families. More all through approach welcomed

- Some parent volunteers back in school
- Policies – discussion around timetable changes, phone policy, anti bullying policy etc.
- Improvements in security of school – also welcomed
- Families and Learning Cttee group - RS part of this group, GME plan was approved

#### 4. Treasurers Report

##### 1) Friends of Breadalbane Account

- £12k approx. given to school.
- Received funding from Co-op from community fund.
- Balance now is 2.5k.
- Accounts haven't been checked yet but will be done for next meeting

##### 2) General Bank Account

- £ 6.5 k
- Plan to move some of this over into the friends account (5k)

#### 5. GME report – No report

#### 6. Councillors report

- a. GME update – plan approved
- b. ISP provision – ASN hubs being created in each secondary hub and in an associated primary across the LA.
- c. Vaping- Councillor to send copy of update to Mrs Lambert

#### 7. AOB

- Change to service provision – vocal/ singing teacher was funded through youth music initiative for pri and lower secondary . this funding has now been reduced .
- Vocal instruction withdrawn from all secondary teachers for new academic year. Councillor Duff to seek more info and enquire about funding, PC could consider – LL to take forwards.
- Lift broken – school to notify parents. NB/ Repair imminent