

Breadalbane Parent Council meeting - 23 September 2026

Minutes

Attendees: Rob Stubbs (chair), Sarah Hunt (secretary), Lynne Lambert (HT), Craig Marten, Julie Thompson, Anne Lehmann, Laura Murphy, Rod Macaskill, Ryan Ward, Lorraine Reed, Louise Duncan Miller, Kevin Duncan Miller, Nicole Wilson, Karen MacKay, Jess Pepper, Robin Baker, Councillor John Duff plus 9 online,
Apologies: Anna Brocklehurst.

Matters Arising from previous meeting: None

Head Teacher Report - Lynne Lambert

- **Publication of Standards & Quality Report** - highlighted strong start for nursery children and almost all (91%) met their developmental milestones and many exceeded. Across Primary (years 1,4,7) almost all learners achieved expected levels for Curriculum for Excellence, S3 over 90% achieved Level 3 in Numeracy & Literacy and over 80% in Level 4. Great year of senior phase exam results, strongest Highers results since 2021 outperforming much of Perth & Kinross, quality of grades above comparison schools. Higher and Advanced Higher increasing, out of 11 schools we were 3rd. Emphasised achievement beyond academic performance - opportunities for leadership, trips, sports etc.
- **Improvement plan** continues to focus on :- raising attainment and supporting young people, improving learning and teaching across all areas, nursery/primary/secondary all have specific goals to focus on for improvement.
- Trying to keep **curriculum** as wide as and as appealing as possible for a small rural school. For example; Instead of just a Higher in PE there are 3 other avenues (Higher in Sports Coaching, Higher in Activity Tourism), Foundation Apprenticeships (ex. Business, Creative & Digital)

Chair update - Rob Stubbs

- Scottish Gov consultation on mobile phones in schools, assumption is there will be legislation rather than just guidance. Consultation is now live, all are encouraged to respond. Deadline is 17 Nov.
- Holiday changes for 2027/28 - last day before Christmas break and last day of school both become full school days, reduction of May Day Holiday, week in February in Term 3 will be a full week break.

- Additional Scottish Gov consultation around car idling to discourage parents leaving cars running while waiting for children to get out of school.
- Funding request from Battlefield Tour for hoodies (35 pupils) for £500. Gill updated £7930 in main account and over £1000 in Friends of Breadalbane. **Request Approved.**
- Request from Louise for P7 Leavers Hoodies to be given out to children earlier in the year, Mrs. Thompson explained giving 'leavers' hoodies might shift children's attitudes to P7 belonging.

ACTION- Lynne Lambert and Mrs. Thompson to discuss options further

Discussion

- Uniform - Importance of making uniform affordable. Parents have raised issues around young people wearing non-black & white, logo wearing, skirt length etc.
 - Lynne Lambert - explained reasons behind relaxing uniform including queues of Secondary pupils to get ties in the morning, minimise wasted time, focus on mobile phone battle rather than uniform. Highlighted new emphasis on 'respectful' in wording of uniform policy. Assembly for Friday about uniform.

ACTION - further consultation on uniforms
- Reorganisation of GME and Primary
 - Senior leadership has received no feedback officially. Request for questions
 - Parents raised issues of suddenness of change and no consultation, ratio of children to floor area, noise levels, children's feelings of injustice, feelings of priority of GME over English medium primary.
 - Head and Deputy Head of Primary response :- The speed and communication wasn't as good as could have been and apologies were given.
 - No specific funding that drove that decision. After January 2026 HMIE inspection, the one place the school was not achieving attainment is GME. HMIE asked us to bring Gaelic classes together to create an immersive Gaelic environment where English could not be heard during the school day. This is a legal requirement for Gaelic Medium Education. Staffing resignations also meant it was difficult to meet staffing requirements. Noted that Primary is still not at full capacity for space. Music room and drama room were taken but these rooms weren't used often and instead the English Medium Primary students have been given weekly access to Secondary Music and Drama rooms during the week. Two primary classes behind

closed doors helping for noise level. Loud floor in P5 will be carpeted in the October break. Intention was to give primary the ability to utilise wider school facilities while also following specific advice for GME from inspection.

ACTION - Mrs. Thompson invited parents to make appointments to come have a look on a normal school day

- Safety around A9 - junctions from Burnam, Dunkeld dangerous. Desire for Lighting, Temporary roundabouts, signage etc. 2 daily school buses travel from Dunkeld and Burnam. Transport Scotland Office of Dualling risk assessments say it's not safe at that junction.

ACTION: Write to our MSP and Councillors, write to Perth & Kinross Council and Transport Scotland. ACTION - Rob will write letter as Chair of PC. ACTION - Sarah will add info to PC email. ACTION - Rob will pass this on to Councillor John Duff.

- Online offers for Highers and Advanced Higher - i.e. which (mainstream) subjects were only available online

ACTION - follow up with Mrs. Libreri

Treasurers Report - none

GME Report - Karen MacKay

- Changes in GME staffing
- Attainment isn't where it should be
- Mrs. Thompson and Mrs. Lambert met with GME parents about attainment and curriculum progression

Councillor's Report - Councillor Duff had to leave before end of the meeting.

AOB - none

Date of next meeting - Thur 3rd Dec 2026 5.30pm start - TBC