

Meeting:	Breadalbane Academy Parent Council (BAPC) – Parents meeting
Date & Time:	Thurs 21st March 2024 6.30pm – 8.00pm
Location:	Hybrid meeting
Attendance:	Rob Stubbs (chair), Andrew Pointer, John Devine (Head), Jill Watson, Claire Duncan, Vicky Marshall, Gill Steele, Karen Mackay, Mairi McAdam
Apologies:	Anna Brocklehurst, Karl Wright

Item	Action
<p>1. <u>Welcome, introductions and Apologies.</u></p>	
<p>2. <u>Matters Arising from Feb 24 meeting.</u> School stated they can share our minutes on the school website</p>	
<p>3. <u>Election of Officers</u> Karen Mackay (representing GME), was voted in as an 'ex-officio' officer. AP nominated, GS seconded.</p>	
<p>4 <u>Head Teachers report</u></p> <p>1. Staffing update</p> <p>HT Recruitment</p> <p>Advertisement closes today. Appears to be a good level of interest. Planned that interviews will take place in weeks 2 and 3 of Term 4 and will involve Parent Council.</p> <p>DHT Support - Mr Craig Martin has returned to school this week to allow an overlap with colleagues covering the post. Perth Academy had asked for a further extension, but I was unable to agree to this. I would like to express my thanks to Mrs Glover, Mr Douglas, Ms Mowat and Sarah Matthews who performed acting roles during this term.</p> <p>2. Secondary Roll reduction 24/25</p> <p>A reduction in projected roll has led to the school having to shed a little more secondary staffing. We have managed to do this largely through not taking a probationer teacher in PE next session. We would hope that this department can expand again as to roll begins to come back up over the next few years.</p> <p>3. Our Continued Focus on Learning and Teaching</p> <p>Learning and Teaching has been the area in which PKC secondary schools have done least well in during inspections. We are keen to buck this trend when Breadalbane Academy is inspected again, which we anticipate will be in 2024/25 or 2025/26. With this in mind, this is the second year that we have been running practitioner enquiry groups for teaching staff, to allow teachers quality time to engage with reading and each other on key themes of teaching. The school will receive a Quality Improvement Review visit from Perth and Kinross Council in June, and we are hoping to use this as a showcase for the work we are doing. By this time, all teachers will be able to identify for visitors the areas of teaching and learning that they have been perfecting.</p> <p>4. Cost of School Day Development</p>	

	<p>The school is involved in a PKC working group looking at what is called 'the cost of the school day'. This expression is used to describe the many costs to parents, some quite hidden, of sending their children to school. The school was invited to be involved in this group because of the work we have done – sometimes in collaboration with the Parent Council to minimise costs of events and other aspects of school attendance such as uniform. In the next term will be surveying parents on this subject, in order to get their views on the ongoing financial challenges of having children at school.</p>	
5	<p><u>Primary update</u> Vicky Marshall updated us on the Skills wheel, and the pupil council. Pupils also have the opportunity to meet and discuss sports, UN childrens rights and the playground(s). The breadalbane guarantee was mentioned in primary as well as transitions, both from nursery to primary and primary to secondary.</p>	
6.	<p><u>Chairs Report</u> RS gave a short update on the HT recruitment situation. Following the PKC chairs meeting, RS will forward the presentations once received. The main topics were Attendance, anti-bullying and raising attainment. RS also mentioned the climate cafe meeting happening at the campus at the w/e, at which PC will be providing hot drinks and snacks.</p>	
6.	<p><u>Treasurer update</u> Working through the banking changes.</p>	
7.	<p><u>AOB</u> MM asked about sumdog subscriptions. VM will look into it, but in theory PC could help with subscription costs. There is possibility that breakfast club could face (funding) cuts in future, but no details available yet.</p>	<p>VM and PC All</p>
9.	<p><u>Time & date of next parent council meeting</u> Next meeting to be advised, will be in the new school year, once dates have been agreed.</p>	