



Minutes of Parent Forum Meeting.

Date: Friday 12th February 2016

Present: Lesley Sawyer, Shelley Marsh, Nita Nicholls, Kerry Tranter.

Apologies: Bryan Jones, Lyndsey Swain.

Matters Arising:

- School Photographs. The meeting discussed the quality of school photographs as class/team photographs are planned for later this term. The meeting agreed that for Year 6, separate class photographs are the most popular. The Forum agreed that Tempest photographs were generally of better quality than those from the current provider, Academy. These comments will be passed to the SLT.
- Parking. This is a continuing concern but it was acknowledged that it is also a common problem in other schools too. Members raised concern about the number of the cars speeding along Hayes Way. The Forum discussed other ways in which we could encourage children to walk to school. The revival of the Walking Bus and Walk to School Week were suggestions made. The success of the Walking Club currently taking place with Year Four children was praised. Mrs Marsh explained the objectives of this club which are to encourage fitness through walks and to build self-esteem. It is hoped that it will be rolled out to other children in the future. Mrs Marsh said that volunteers are essential to make this possible and she is very grateful to those who have offered to help. Mrs Marsh and Mrs Robinson will be asked to investigate the possibility of reviving both the Walking Bus and Walk to School Week.
- Staffing Update. The meeting was pleased to hear of the return of Mrs Rhodes and Mrs Moorhouse to school. They sent their best wishes to Mrs Reid who has begun her maternity leave. They were also informed of the appointment of Mr Clough to cover Mrs Elms as she begins maternity leave.
- Parent Lunches. Mrs Sawyer reported that she had passed on the views of the Forum on this matter to the SLT. The SLT agree that it is a pity that the introduction of the universal free school meal entitlement had meant that we had to suspend these. The SLT are currently investigating how this could be organised in the future.

Extra-Curricular Clubs.

Mrs Marsh attended by the invitation from Forum to discuss the provision of clubs at school. Mrs Marsh explained that clubs for Key Stage Two children were more competitive in nature and that clubs were running for five nights each week after school and also at lunchtimes. Mrs Marsh is currently in discussion regarding netball and possibly yoga clubs in the future. Mr McFarlane also does choir, wind band and recorder clubs after school. The meeting was in favour of any opportunities to offer clubs that support children's mental health as well as their physical fitness.

Mrs Marsh reported:

1. Clubs ran by Progressive Sports were organised on a termly basis.
2. Archery club runs for the duration of six weeks to allow a greater number of children the opportunity to experience this popular club.
3. Mrs Marsh had met recently with other local schools to arrange football matches for Year Five and Six and a tournament for Year Four. This is to enable children to apply football skills taught in a competitive way.
4. Year One and Two Multi-Skills club has now changed to Dodgeball and Cheerleading to ensure some variety for children.
5. Mrs Marsh is currently working with Progressive Sports to go through other ideas for possible clubs.
6. The meeting questioned how places are allocated as some children seem to do everything! Currently once parents receive a text informing them of a new club, parents collect slips from the school office. Places then are allocated to children whose parents do this promptly. It was suggested that the office made a note of who had collected slips. Parents could then be contacted if slips aren't returned and places could be offered to those on waiting lists.
7. The meeting was assured that Pupil Premium children would be supported financially if they were allocated a place at any club.

Assessment of Pupils. The Forum was aware that the assessment arrangements for children had changed and that levels were no longer used to measure progress. All members believed that this was a confusing and worrying time for parents, teachers and children. They felt strongly that Year Six would need support through this year when SAT results are likely to indicate pass/fail. The Forum requested that results were posted to parents directly to allow parents to decide how to handle this sensitively with their children.

Extended Provision/Holiday Club. Mrs Sawyer informed the meeting that she was in discussion with the local authority regarding the 30 hours childcare offer for Nursery parents which will commence in September 2017. We are currently exploring the possibility of appointing a private provider to use the school site to run a holiday club. The first step is for parents and local settings to complete a questionnaire to

investigate possible demand. Mrs Sawyer will keep the meeting informed of future developments.

Fund Raising: Charities, Sponsor Events. Mrs Sawyer asked the opinion of the members regarding fund raising at school. Mrs Tranter informed the meeting about how PTFA funds were released. School provides the PTFA with a 'wish list' and from this decisions are made about how money is spent.

Mrs Sawyer said that any sponsor money raised was spent by year groups on priorities agreed by the children in that year. Members felt that this message is not clear enough and parents would be more supportive if they knew exactly what money was being raised for.

Mrs Sawyer explained that each year group raises money for their chosen charity. Everyone agreed that this provides children with important learning opportunities.

School funds are built up through office sales of small items including reading folders, airflow balls, school bottles, ties and caps.

All members agreed that staggered payments for the Year Six residential trips were an excellent development. Members are very much in favour of computerised payment systems.

World Book Day. The meeting was very pleased that the school were once again participating in World Book Day and children were already getting excited about it. They were also grateful that parents have had more notice!

Engaging With Parents. Members of the Forum have received good feedback from all parent workshops so far this year. Workshops for Reception Numeracy, Year One Phonics and others are planned.

Parent Forum Communication. Members agreed that a group photograph of the Forum would be taken at the next meeting and that this will appear on the school website.

Any Other Business.

- The meeting requested that Mrs Mander placed a reminder in the newsletter that dogs are not allowed on school premises.

Date of the Next Meeting: Friday 18th March 2016. (Large Meetings Room).

Dates for Future Meetings:

Friday 18 th March 2016. 9.15 am.
Friday 20 th May 2016. 9.15 am.
Friday 15 th July 2016. 9.15 am.



Meeting of the Parent Forum.

Friday 18th March 2016. 9.15 am.

Agenda

Venue: Large Meetings Room.

- Present.
- Apologies.
- Matters Arising.
- Representatives of the Junior Governing Body will be in attendance.
- Photographs of the Forum members.
- Staffing
- Events planned for the summer term.
- Any other business.

Date of the next Meeting: Friday 20th May 2016.