



Parent Council Meeting 13/02/2024

Present: Mrs Wass, Miss Bligh, Mrs Ali, Mrs Tania, Emma, Sheryl, Rosie

Meeting started at 2.15pm

- Welcome
 - LW welcomed everyone and thanked them for attending.
 - Discussed our aim to encourage more parents from across the school, particularly representatives from different cultural backgrounds. Parents in attendance asked to support with this.
 - Minutes to be shared with members following this meeting, agenda to be shared prior to the next meeting.
 - Minutes to also be shared with all staff as well as to be updated in the first Monday's briefing of Spring 2.

- Actions from last meeting in January - You said, we did...
 - Meeting began with feedback from KB on actions from the last meeting, discussed parents' previous feedback and what had been actioned from this.
 - Parents requested support with how to teach core subjects at home, Realise workshops have been booked in to cover a variety of subjects across the year groups. Reading with KS1 and Online Safety have already been popular, next ones will cover Science and Maths with Y5 & Y6 and a Gruffalo themed Reading workshop with Nursery & Reception.
 - Parents mentioned that the previous Art workshop was difficult to navigate if they have children in different classes across the school so the Realise workshops have been arranged to target different year groups on different days.
 - It was requested that information was more accessible and it was easier to be able to ask questions at the end of the day, so every day ELSAs are on both the KS1 and KS2 playgrounds to answer questions, share information etc.
 - At the last meeting, Mrs Tania mentioned International Children's day on the 1st June. LW mentioned that we will be celebrating on the 24th May and will plan at our next Parent Council meeting.
 - Parents previously requested that there is a theme to the Coffee Afternoons, the most recent one was linked to Children's Mental Health week. Y4 parents couldn't attend due to a clash with the MTC meeting.

- Leading Parent Partnership Award
 - Reminded everyone about the award and what it is.
 - New member to the parent council so the award was introduced and explained.
 - Assessment to be in May, parents were told what this will consist of and LW explained how the external moderators will need to speak to members of the Parent Council.
 - Informed members on current progress, LW & KB are working on it fortnightly and are currently working on objective 7 & 8 out of 9.
 - LW discussed the need for parent-school communication and stressed the importance of this, lots of positive feedback from parents on the current communication.
 - LW also mentioned Hillside's aims for the year in regards to communication.

- Feedback on the school website

- Positive feedback regarding the amount of information on the website, as a new parents R said it was easy to find out lots about the school before starting here.
 - All parents said it was easy to access and to navigate.
 - The school Facebook page is very popular, parents find this easy to access and are able to find a lot of key information easily.
 - Discussed key aspects of the website - parents have requested the menu to be added and key dates to be added to the top of the website.
 - All parents were also positive about the many forms of communication used.
- General feedback
 - LW discussed plans in place for Spring 2 and some of the upcoming events:
 - Y1, Y2 & Y3 performance
 - Dodgeball & Tag Rugby competitions
 - Book week with author visits for each class
 - Visits from PC Sam each month
 - Science week with a theme of Time - practical investigations daily
 - Pi day
 - Red Nose Day
 - Parents mentioned previous donations from supermarkets for events, LW to write a letter for Parent Council members to be able to contact local supermarkets etc. to request donations.
 - Parent Council members mentioned that they would be able to support with running future coffee mornings/afternoons (other than Tuesdays/Wednesdays).
 - LW mentioned plans for a Careers day where children will come in dressed linked to a career and people from different careers will be in and available for children to move around and speak with, asking them questions.

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Key dates to be added to the top of the website.	These will be added as a banner on the homepage.
The lunch menu added to the school website.	This has been added to the website.

Next meeting - 21st March at 2.15pm

Meeting ended at 3pm