



## Parent Council Meeting 14/11/2023

Present: Mrs Wass, Miss Bligh, Mrs Ali, Mrs Tania, Miss Ola, Emilia, Emma, Sheryl.

### Meeting started at 2.15pm

- Introductions and roles established:
  - Mrs Wass - SLT
  - Miss Bligh - LPPA coordinator / Hillside Staff
  - Mrs Ali - Hillside Staff (LSA)
  - Mrs Tania - Parent Governor
  - Miss Ola - Hillside Staff
  - Emelia - Parent (Child in Y1)
  - Emma - Parent (Children in Y1 & Y2)
  - Sheryl - Parent (Children in Y3 - Nightingales & Y4)
  - *Mr Lee - Office Staff (future meetings)*
  - *Mrs Crump or Miss Thompson - EYFS Staff (future meetings)*
  - *Ms Starling - Hillside Staff (future meetings)*
- Parent Council Agreement shared with and signed by all attendees.
  - Views of our parent council support the development of our school, importance of this expressed to the group.
  - Aim of parent council meetings shared - further strengthen the partnership between school & the parents of our children.
  - Mrs Wass thanked everyone for attending and discussed our aim of developing partnership and hopes to encourage at least one parent from each class. Parents in attendance asked to support with this.
  - Meetings will be held half termly, next meeting in January. Discussed how these will be a relaxed atmosphere to share opinions.
  - Parents asked to bring parent voice from others (whatsapp group chats, playground conversations etc.) if they're unable to attend.
  - Minutes to be shared with members following this meeting, agenda to be shared prior to the next meeting.
  - Staff to be updated from this meeting in Monday's briefing.
- Leading Parent Partnership Award
  - LPPA was explained to the group - a highly recognised national award.
  - 10 objectives to be achieved - LW and KB to update the parent council on progress throughout.
  - Assessment to be in May.
  - Informed members on current progress - we've begun to establish local links, discussed some of these & suggestions for further partnerships.
  - Parents mentioned previous links with ITFC, LW discussed the current progress on establishing a partnership with them.
  - Parent suggestion - contact supermarkets (ASDA, Sainsburys, Co-op) for donations towards hampers for food banks.
  - Sheryl mentioned that she works in the cafe at the Range - will ask regarding donations.
  - Sheryl also mentioned links to a relative who makes balloon arches etc.
  - Tania mentioned that her husband works for Proveeda - possibility of prize donation for fairs etc.
  - LW mentioned other local links we've contacted recently (dentists, police).

- LW discussed ongoing plans for broadening opportunities for children in school, particularly through visitors. Asked parents if they know of anyone with any skills, willing to come into school.
- Feedback from Autumn 1
  - Brilliant turn out for learning conversations - approx. 250 attended. Positive feedback from parents on these!
  - Low attendance for reading workshops.
  - Poor attendance for coffee mornings. Parent feedback - a lot of parents struggle with it being in the mornings.
  - Ola suggested the idea of themed coffee afternoons with key focuses. Suggestion box to be put in the front office and online link for suggestions to be shared with parents.
  - Low attendance for the open house - about 45 attended. Parents like the idea but found it difficult with it being after school, would prefer it to be within the school day & the opportunity to complete an activity in class with their child.
  - Parents would like support with lessons (reading/maths etc.) and how we teach these in schools. Open house to cover a variety of lessons throughout the year.
  - Parents and children are loving the current clubs, lots of positive feedback.
  - Discussion about possibilities of new clubs - art/gardening/sewing/cross stitch.
- Countdown to Christmas events
  - Events shared with parents - nativities, Church experiences, carol concerts etc.
  - Positive feedback from parents regarding events planned.
  - Query from multiple parents regarding discos, LW explained reasoning for this not happening and parents understood. LW explained there will be in class parties instead which parents responded positively too! Will gather pupil voice.
- AOB - Support at home
  - Feedback from parents - some feel they struggle with talking about issues as they worry about being 'looked down on'.
  - Reassurance from LW and Ola of support in school and discussion about how this can be further supported - drop in talk in sessions with a focus on particular subjects.
  - Ola to arrange speakers/internal/external support to come in for discussions.
  - First workshop to be arranged for January - behaviour in the home.
- AOB
  - Extremely positive feedback on communication, parents love the new newsletter.
  - Parents are loving the new assemblies and awards, lots of positive feedback.
  - Question about dojo points - LW clarified what these are awarded for. Top 5 in classes to earn a reward each term.

You said...	We did...
Coffee mornings are difficult to attend in the mornings.	They will be changed to the afternoons.
	They will be themed (based on parents suggestions through suggestion box and online) and in more of a cosy setting.
Educational/parenting courses in school would be useful.	PPP starting at Hillside. More courses are being explored with the aim of addressing education as well as attendance/behaviour/anxiety etc.
Communication - it would be useful to have reminders of events on the day.	Boards will be put up out the front of the school office on the day of events with information.

<p>Would prefer the open house to be within the school day.</p>	<p>Open house to be changed to be during the afternoon, parents to complete a learning activity with their child. Different days for different year groups for parents with multiple children.</p>
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Next meeting - 9th January 2024 at 2pm.

**Meeting ended at 3.15pm**