



## Parent Council Meeting 21/03/2024

Present: Mrs Wass, Miss Bligh, Mrs Ali, Mrs Tania, Miss Ola, Mary, Sheryl, Emilia, Rosie, Nicoleta

### Meeting started at 2pm

- Welcome
  - LW welcomed everyone and thanked them for attending.
  - Welcomed new parents to the Parent Council and explained the aims of the meetings.
  - LW explained that meetings began being termly but have moved to half termly due to the importance of them and the amount to be discussed.
  - Discussed the aim of encouraging more parents from across the school, particularly representatives from different cultural backgrounds.
  - Current representation from different communities - Nicoleta (Romanian), Emilia & Tania (Portuguese) and Ola (Polish).
  - 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 key points shared with staff during our next Monday morning briefing.
  
- Actions from the previous meeting
  - LW explained to new members that within each meeting we put together some next steps, KB shared the progress from the last meeting's actions.
  - Last meeting, parents asked for the menu to be accessible on the school website. HL has now added this.
  - Parents also requested the key dates to be added to the front of the website home page, HL has since added these as a banner.
  
- Parent/child friendly policies
  - LW informed everyone of the new child/parent friendly policies.
  - Everyone had a look at these on the website - feedback from parents that these are difficult to find and it would be helpful if they were also in the general policies tab with the full policies.
  - LW explained the key points from the behaviour policy, informed parents of the posters we have in school for each of the rules - these will be added to the website.
  - LW told the parents about the termly rewards for behaviour and how this is decided, explained that next week children will be going to Superbowl for their treat.
  - Looked at the Anti-Bullying child/parent friendly policy. Also difficult to find, this is being changed.
  - LW explained the policy and shared the key points from this. Also explained what is done in school about bullying (logs, ambassadors etc.)
  - Looked at the attendance flowchart.
  - LW spoke about the improvement in attendance as a school. From 85% this time last year to 95.9% today with a 92.5% average.
  - Also informed parents of the new Parent Partnership policy, this isn't compulsory but includes how we work with parents.
  - This is going to governors next week, then will be shared.

- LPPA
  - LW explained that we are currently working towards achieving the Leading Parent Partnership Award.
  - LW explained what this is and what it entails, particularly that it helps us with getting views of parents and also supporting and guiding parents.
  - LW and KB have been working through the objectives.
  
- Feedback on events
  - LW asked for feedback from the recent Realise Future parent workshops.
  - Some parents had attended a few of the workshops (particularly the Science and Gruffalo ones) and described them as 'good and engaging'.
  - They also said they felt the ladies leading them are 'approachable and enthusiastic'.
  - Some parents struggle with the afternoon sessions and have asked for there to be more variety - some am and some pm.
  - LW told the parents about the next upcoming parent workshop. Reading course, starting from the 25th April, every Wednesday 9-11.30am for 4 weeks.
  - Parent Council spoke about their presence on the playgrounds and the feedback they're getting from parents to share - members & PTA to have specific hi-vis vests to make them obvious to parents.
  - LW informed parents of the coffee afternoons currently running - Friday pm for Romanian families where DD translates and shares key messages and monthly coffee afternoons where everyone is welcome.
  
- Enrichment
  - LW spoke about enrichment activities including the behaviour and attendance rewards (tea party, sports afternoon etc.)
  - Also spoke about themed weeks including Book Week, Writing Week, Science Week.
  - LW informed parents of upcoming themed weeks in the Summer term, PE Week and Music Week.
  - LW shared skills parents have shared following a request for this.
  - 3 have offered to come in and listen to children read.
  - Volunteers to support in the library.
  - This week a parent from Y1 who is a dancer, has taught 2 Indonesian dance classes.
  - LW spoke about how we are looking to join many more sports tournaments. Recently the children have competed in girls football, dodgeball and cross country.
  - The school are now looking into kits for children to wear for these events so be able to show off their school.
  
- AOB
  - Parents spoke about their concerns with parking at the top of the school drive and the problems this causes at drop off and pick up times.
  - LW explained that staff monitor this as much as possible but it is a council matter.
  - LW to reshare information with all parents about this and how to report concerns.
  - Tania suggested that when she is at the top of the drive welcoming families, she could also have a cone to put in front of the driveway to prevent people driving down and getting stuck.
  - Parents informed about upcoming events - Parents Evening next week, a questionnaire will be available for parents to complete. Results of this will be shared at the next parent meeting.
  - Next Tuesday pm DD is leading a translated parents event for Romanian families to attend rather than Parent's Evening if they wish too.
  - Beat the Street ends Wednesday.
  - Thursday we're raising funds for Blue Cross - non-uniform, danceathon and penalty shoot out.
  - Back to school Monday 15th April for Summer 1.
  - Some members are also part of the PTA, LW suggested a way of sharing with parents how much has been raised and what we're aiming for.

- LW suggested aiming for £3000 to be able to take all children on a Christmas enrichment trip.
- Parents have suggested the idea of a costume store in school for families who may need them/may come in without one on event days.

You said...	We did...
We'd like the policies (particularly the child/parent friendly ones) to be easier to find on the website.	Fed back to HL - they're being added to the general policies tab.
	Examples of how we show the school rules posters to be added to the website alongside the behaviour policy.
Parents have asked for there to be more variety in timings for workshops.	LW is going to look into there being some in the mornings and some in the afternoons next term.
Parent Council members & PTA to be more visible on the playground.	Hi-vis vests to be prepared for them to wear.
Parking outside the school drive causes problems in the morning.	LW to share information on this and how to report to the Council.
Parents often drive down the school drive and get stuck at the barrier, causing issues.	TC to take a cone out with her to block the driveway, moving for those who have access.
Costume store in school for parents to donate old costumes for other children to borrow.	This is being set up alongside the uniform hub, details to be shared with parents.

Next meeting - Thursday 2nd May at 1.30pm

**Meeting ended at 3pm**