

<p style="text-align: center;">Parent Voice Minutes Meeting held on Wednesday 27th June 2018</p>

Present:

Amanda Moffatt
Christina Mathioudakis
Cynthia Wood
Darren Lord
Geraldine Morley
Hayley Gelkoff
Hayley Sylvester
Karen Bristow
Karen Schaverien
Karl Haywood
Linda Cook
Marcella Lord
Wai Wong

Present from the School:

Mr Leonard

Apologies

Angie Philips
Filiz Zaman
Jacqueline Bonfield
Janet Allen
Jill Bowyer
Julie Pearce
Kulvarn Atwal
Kully Patel
Michelle Garvey
Nancy Baker
Row Howe
Steven Boyle
Wendy Winter

Thank you to those of you that could make the meeting and to everyone that has supported the Parents Voice this year. Your voice does matter and I hope you have seen the changes that have occurred as a result of your feedback. Have a lovely summer holiday when it gets here and I look forward to seeing you all in September.

1. Homework changes for September.

Mr Leonard explained that following on from Parent's Voice feedback the following expectations had been put in place for homework setting next year:

Homework should typically serve one of three purposes: practice, preparation or extension.

This means:

- Practicing a newly acquired skill in an attempt to master it. (tested, quizzed or marked as “do now”)
- Preparing for a future lesson, such as reading the next chapter in their science book or researching a topic soon-to-be-covered in class (tested, quizzed or marked as “do now”)
- Extending a classroom covered topic by doing parallel work by perhaps writing a report or creating a science fair project (This should be marked by teacher)

I will be asking for feedback on this at the next Parents Voice meeting.

2. Feedback on KS3 awards evening from parents

Feedback was generally positive. 2 issues to be addressed for next year:

- 1) Notifications much earlier so that parents can arrange to attend,
- 2) If a parent requests additional seats they must be informed if this was successful as this did not happen this year.

3. Feedback on Yr9 curriculum

Only one parent had a Yr. 9 pupil at the meeting and feedback was positive. Mr Leonard explained that the vast majority had passed their exams and were due to pass their coursework to achieve the qualification. Those who did not will re-sit exams in October if they passed the coursework element. He also explained that those who struggled with the Financial Literacy qualification would be given additional maths lessons in Yr. 10 instead of completing the qualification.

4. Revision for exams – techniques and ideas.

The point was raised that the Yr.7-10 pupils had not received much information on how to revise. Mr Leonard agreed and said he would ensure this was addressed during form time next year. It was also pointed out that there is a lot of material on the schools website that may be useful to parents when thinking about supporting their child with revision.

5. Homework set at the same time as exams.

Mr Leonard accepted that this had still occurred and he had requested staff to stop doing so as soon as he discovered the issue. Staff are trying to support pupils by setting additional work but don't always realise the impact and additional stress this can cause. It will be addressed for next years exams.

6. Update on Year 7 Graduation

Mr Leonard gave an update on the event on the 7th July. All information will be sent to parents this week outlining the programme for the day.

7. Update on expansion

Just to note that all internal rooms should be completed by the start of September with an additional CPD day being put at the start of term to ensure the school is ready for pupils. The only outstanding building projects are the Sports Hall and English block, which will be completed around March next year.

Mr Leonard once again apologised for any disruption and noise that had been caused during the building work.

I'd like to once again thank you all for your support at the meeting. The next meeting will be on Thursday 4th October 2018.