

Notes from the Parents Voice Meeting held on Wednesday 11th May 2016 at 7pm in the Main School Library

Parents Present:

Janet Allen
Michelle Ballard
Jill Bowyer
Linda Cook
John Drummond
Diane Fundell
Sera Hussein
Matt Lopez-Dias
Amanda Moffat
Valentina Nicolaou
Vanessa Poynter
Sally Skipper
Angie Stephens
Cynthia Wood

12.25 - 13.25	Period 4
13.25 - 14.10	Lunch
14.10 - 15.10	Period 5

Promotion of Parent Voice Meetings

FH agreed to review what is on the website and ensure it is current with meeting dates clearly identified.

It was agreed that Parents Voice would be mentioned at Open and Parents Evenings.

A request was made that when Parents Voice help with refreshments a display would be available to highlight their work and function.

Apologies

Angie Phillips

Action: FH to organise.

WH Staff Present:

Frances Howarth

Regular reference would also continue to be made in ParentsMails home.

Minutes of Previous Meeting

Drugs Evening - FH thanked Parents Voice for funding the Drugs day and evening which had been very well received.

Duke of Edinburgh Gold Award

Action: FH to check with DofE Leaders that information is available regarding our partnership with Chigwell School and the opportunity for students to take it there until Bronze students follow through next year.

School Day Timings

FH explained the rationale for the new changes in September

Borneo Costings

08.45 - 09.06	Form/Assembly time
09.05 - 10.05	Period 1
10.05 - 11.05	Period 2
11.05 - 11.25	Break
11.25 - 12.25	Period 3

FH reported that:
39% of total cost goes to local communities, wild life and environmental conservation

34% on programme planning - support and expedition costs (airfare, food and accommodation cost)
23% on support cost to the organisation

This covers staff to introduce and support the scheme - cost to accompany the project and staff on the ground in the country visited.

4% other - including infrastructure development and project specific costs in relation to the community based project undertaken.

Feedback from Drugs, Radicalisation and Extremism Talks

Drugs talk was well received by pupils. Not much mentioned was made of the latter.

Review of Year 11 Support and Intervention Provided

Parents were very praising of all that staff were doing on this front. Those with students in other years hoped very much it would continue.

A request for more Maths classes/revision was made. FH highlighted that due to where the paper fell either side of the half term that revision would take place then.

Safety at the Front of School

FH explained the problem that parents are continuing to do U turns in the morning and evening. Parents suggested taking photographic evidence to send onto the Police of these doing this and parking on the zig zag lines.

Action: FH to clarify for parents time restrictions in terms of dropping off pupils for before school clubs and picking up after revision/after school clubs in terms of parents driving onto the school premises.

Reassurance/Implications of Parents Turning up to School

FH explained we have a number of parents who are abusive, turning up to school demanding to be seen, or are not giving school time to investigate instances that may involve their children.

Action: Matt to meet with Reception and Support Staff to collectively draw up a code of expected parental behaviour which will be tabled at the next meeting.

Use of Remaining Parent Voice Funds

Agreement was reached that this will be used for rugby x 2 posts.

Next Meeting

Tuesday 5th July at 7pm. Agenda items to Emma Davies by Friday 24th June.

A.O.B.

Action: FH to identify a route for parents to follow if they feel a concern has not been addressed - where to go next.

Action: FH. Parental Behaviour to be drawn up - needs to be a part of the Parents School Contract that is signed when students join the school.

Water Fountains - FH to ask Caretakers to regularly check the fountains are cleaned and in a fit state for students.

Second Lunch

Concern was raised that food runs out and there is limited choice for those on second lunch.

Action: FH to pursue with L Smith, Catering Manager.

Detentions after School

Concern that where detentions have been retracted this is not being actioned quickly enough. Parents accept the system may be the issue but it is causing frustration where pupils are then put in isolation.

Thanks to all for your contributions.