

Minutes of Parents Council – 24th May at 4.30pm

Present: Iestyn Lewis (IL), Laura Turner (LT), Alexa Livesey (AL), Emily Thornley (ET), Cathryn Rayner (CR), Mary Lofthouse (ML)

Apologies: Deleasa Davies (DD), James Elliot (JE), Nicola Holt (NH)

Clerking: Karen Blears (KB)

1. Welcome – IL opened the meeting at 4.30pm and welcomed everyone.
2. Apologies- Apologies received from DD, JE and NH.
3. Declaration of AOB – Marketing (LT), DOJO (CR) and PE kits (ET)
4. Feedback from new starter booklet – CR had reviewed the new starter booklet and her comments were that it would be helpful if the Teaching Assistants were listed, the entry and exit rules were updated and a guide to using parent pay was put in. IL said that school was considering using the functionality on School Spider for payments but whichever payment system was going to be used details could be put in the new starter booklet. CR said that it would be good to have a blank section for the various log ins.
5. Parents code of conduct – The code of conduct currently says that no dogs are allowed on the school premises. IL said we are a rural school and some parents like to walk to school it might be a good idea to allow dogs on the premises providing they are kept on a lead or carried if they are small dogs. All agreed. Conversation then went on to lift sharing and the walking bus to make the school more ecologically friendly.
6. Parents Evening-The next parents evening will be October and will be face to face. There will be a major staffing reshuffle and this will happen every 2 years so the face to face parents evening will help form relationships.
7. School suggestions for future agenda items : RSE Curriculum, Christian distinctiveness, Collective Worship and Family Services – Mrs Carr will attend the next meeting to talk about the new curriculum.
8. Parents Council suggestions for future agenda items - DOJO
9. Special educational needs – It had been asked in previous meetings if any parents of any children with special educational needs are represented in Parents Council. It was suggested that it may be a good idea to have a SEN parents café so parents can meet and discuss any problems that they have and offer support to other parents who have similar problems.

10. AOB - Marketing -Work will start in Autumn this year for the following September intake. LT asked for help, support and advice with marketing. Also help with distribution of leaflets to housing estates. CR suggested advertising on local face book pages.

PE kits – ET said that a few of the parents in Willow class had asked if children could still come in in PE kits. IL said no for 3 reasons, safeguarding, independence and behaviour. When children come in in PE kits the behaviour on those days are worse.

DOJO – this has been rolled out as a trial in Ash class and will be discussed further in the next meeting. CR suggested that Ash parents could provide some screen shots and helpful hints for other parents as they begin to use it.

11. Setting a date for the next meeting – 11th July 4.30pm