

Parents' Council

Minutes of Meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> May 2017

Present

Mr Morrissey (Executive Head Teacher)  
Jo Wilday (4H) – minute taker  
Sandra Smith (6A)  
Jo Belcluore-Groutage (3E)  
Isabel Baumber (3G)  
Michelle Wakelin (5P)  
John Gibbons (PCSO 31088)  
Susan Beale Burchell (6S)  
Lisa Waring (Deputy Head Teacher)

Renata Riach (Catering)  
Meena Jassal (5L)  
Jayne Loose (Catering)  
Ruth Marshall (6T)  
Jayne Loose (Catering)  
Jo Belcoure Groutage (3E)  
Joanne De-Stowe (4E)  
Jane Simpson (6S)

Apologies

Suzanne Fisher (4E)

Minutes of Previous Meetings

- Minutes of previous meetings can be located on the school website

Actions from Previous Meeting

School Uniform

- Mr Morrissey to follow-up from the action of the last meeting to investigate possibility of John Lewis stocking the uniform as it is more local to the school. **(ACTION)**

Zebra Crossing

- Isabel Baumber to continue with investigation into the possibility of an on-line petition which should carry more weight with the council requesting a permanent lollipop person on zebra crossing. **(ACTION)**

Pathway

- The path outside the front of the school gates continues to be an issue, as very muddy and wet.
- Mrs Morrissey agreed to raise the matter in his meeting with college. **(ACTION)**

Catering

- It was raised that sometimes there are discrepancies between what is on the menu and what is available this was after Renata had left the last meeting.
- Renata confirmed that there are some days where meals are swapped to ensure children have a varied choice. There is always the option for children to swap from hot to cold choice if option is available.

## **Matters Arising**

### **Catering**

- April Easter lunch
- Mr Morrissey welcome lunch was a success with an additional 100 children having lunch.
- Following upcoming events;
  - Healthy Eating Week
  - Wimbledon
  - Independence Day
  - Leavers lunch in July
- Information pack in relation to catering services was provided.

### **AOB**

#### **Photo Packs**

- It was requested that an alternative supplier could be sourced who would be able to;
  - Allow more flexibility in packs and choice of photo sizes
  - Option of formal / informal photo styles
  - Ensure that the children are comfortable with posing for the camera
  - Possibility to use a parent?

#### **Lunchtime Activities**

- Mrs Waring confirmed that the school was trying to encourage more varied activities at lunchtime rather than only football and that Friday's were now "football free"!
- New Play equipment has been purchased via Sainsbury's school vouchers.
- If Friday's continue to be a success it could be rolled over to other days.

#### **Year 6 – Ship of Dreams**

- No date as yet confirmed

#### **SAT's**

- It was raised that children had felt the pressure of SAT' as they didn't want to let the school or their teachers down.
- It was raised that homework seemed to have focussed around SAT's, Mrs Waring confirmed that has been a recent focus but up until Easter a full curriculum had been taught rather than just a focus on English and Maths.
- Mr Morrissey informed the group that a letter was being sent out to parents recognising the hard work the children have put in and that the school recognises not just the SAT's performance but the "whole child".

### **Year 6 - Leaving Assembly**

- In previous year's children had stood up in groups in relation to which secondary school they were moving to.
- A parent had raised the issue of where a child who was not going to the same school as any of their year group and therefore had got very upset.
- Mr Morrissey agreed to review this practice as it did not seem appropriate that children should be made to feel isolated. **(ACTION)**

### **Drugs in Park**

- There are individuals that are taking drugs in the park as parents are walking to collect children.
- PC John Gibbons advised that parents should call 111 immediately, as if there are Police Officers present in Solihull they can attend.

### **Students in Overflow carpark**

- Students from the college continue to smoke and use bad language in-front of not only the parents but also children and it can feel quite intimidating.
- Also parking spaces are being used by the students; which is adding to the parking issues at the school.
- Mr Morrissey to raise issues at meeting with College. **(ACTION)**

### **School Carpark**

- Mr Morrissey reiterated that the school car park is not for general drop-offs and collections.
- The spaces on the left hand side of the car-park can be used for drop off at Beechwood and morning clubs e.g. tennis and also pick-ups from after school clubs.
- This information will be included on the weekly newsletter.

### **Shared Interest**

- Mr Morrissey wanted to express that teachers and parents have a shared interest in the children and wanted to ensure that there is respect and honesty in this relationship.

### **Thank-you**

- Mr Morrissey expressed his gratitude for the warm welcome he has received from the children, parents and staff at the school.

### **Next Meeting**

- TBA