

**Parents' Council**

**Minutes of Meeting held on 25<sup>th</sup> May 2018**

**Present**

Renata Riach (Catering)  
Jo Garland (4E)  
Jo Belcoure Groutage (4H)  
Michelle Wakelin (6A)

Jo Wilday (5P) – minute taker  
Lisa Waring (Deputy Head Teacher)  
Mr Morrissey (Executive Head Teacher)  
Jayne Loose (Catering)

**Apologies**

Meena Jassal (6S)  
Julie Barnes (3E)

Sharan Kandola (3G)  
Amanda Berry (4E)

**Minutes of Previous Meetings**

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

**Matters Arising**

**Catering**

- Events which have taken place include
  - World Book Day
  - Easter
  - Feast of St.Alphege
  - Royal Wedding Picnic lunch
- Future Events
  - Welcome Lunch Year 2 – Ruth from the Infants School will be there to make children feel more comfortable, no date has been set yet due to school trips etc.
  - American Independence Day
  - World Cup
  - Year 6 Leavers
  - New Parents event planned for 14<sup>th</sup> June where samples of hot and cold food will be available.

**Photos**

- Mrs Owen at the Infants school has been tasked with identifying an alternative supplier to Tempest, update in next meeting.
- Class Photos have been taken, feedback is welcomed.

**Parking**

- Mr Morrissey informed the committee that he had spoken at length with the Governors and the 6<sup>th</sup> form college in regard to the parking issues.
- There is a real concern in terms of parking around the school site along with instances of dangerous driving.
- Issues also raised by local residents in terms of inconsiderate parking over drives, etc.

- Questions raised again on how best to tackle this ongoing issue in terms of police response, issuance of tickets and penalties and notes on cars parked illegally.

### **Walking Bus**

- Could this scheme be re-introduced?
- Training material from the council is still available, it would just require volunteers.

### **After School Club**

- Discussions with Beechwood taking place to increase current capacity through use of the school Phiz Lab, further update to be provided once agreed.

### **Area outside the School Gates**

- It was suggested in the previous meeting that the muddy area could be gravelled; Mr Morrissey has spoken to the college to ask permission but is still awaiting a response.

### **School Uniform**

- Discussions in terms of reflective sticker / tags for children's coats which had been available in previous years.
- Mr Morrissey confirmed that summer dresses do not have to be certain shade of yellow and reiterated the good quality of the dresses at Early Years and would prefer summer dresses purchased from this supplier.

### **Parents Evening**

- Mr Morrissey confirmed that he had raised the issue of only 1 teacher being present at parent evening for classes which had 2 teachers to ensure for future parents evening the full information on pupils progress would be available.

### **Charity Week**

- A number of parents had raised concerns about charity week in terms of the cost, the amount of sugary items being sold and the stress for parents.
- It was agreed that the week was good for developing the children's entrepreneurial skills but for next year it was suggested that classes plan more so that there is a wide variety of items available, not just sweets and fizzy drinks.
- It was confirmed that the money raised will be split across 3 charities + Friends of St Alphege.

### **Lunchtime activities**

- Footie Bugs have now been engaged to provide a variety of sport activities over the lunchtime period.

### **Reporting of Absence**

- Issues with the school answer phone service have now been resolved.

### **Year 6 Hoodies**

- Year 6 hoodies were distributed on 24<sup>th</sup> May.

### **Year 3**

- Still issues with supervision at school gate in the morning and afternoon.
- Mr Morrissey stated that the gate policy has been reviewed and there are plans for a trial in a change of policy for Year 3 / 4 children whereby they could be collected from the classroom to ensure safety of the children.
- Further update to be provided to Year 3 and 4 parents.

### **Year 4**

- Concerns raised around parking and parents leaving engines running.

### **Year 5**

- No issues raised

### **Year 6**

- Feedback from parents in relation to SAT's was positive; children had been prepared well and did not seem too stressed.
- Specific feedback in relation to Miss Willmott, whereby she had taken the time to write individual messages in the pupil's homework diaries, this was really appreciated.

### **Other information from Mr Morrissey**

#### **Consultation**

- Parents Council to be used more for consultation in terms of changes, etc. with 2 meetings per term.

#### **Curriculum Pledge**

- Curriculum Pledge document circulated detailing learning experiences which the school wishes to offer to the children during their time at the school.
- Suggestion that the gardening could be added to try and get the gardening club running again but within the school day.

#### **Counselling**

- A school counsellor has been engaged one morning per week as it was felt that there was a real need especially with long lead times to get access to such services.

#### **Infant School**

- There is an issue whereby children are being left unsupervised outside of the infant school which is a safety concern; therefore it has been asked that parents do not allow this going forward.

#### **Next Meeting**

- Friday 13<sup>th</sup> July at 2pm