

It has been a great week for me as I got to meet lots of our lovely parents (despite the sweltering heat) who are committed to working together with the school on the second year of the Working Together for Change project.

Initially I was disappointed with the response from the questionnaires as they were sent out to the full school with only 60 replies coming back. However we still had plenty of information to work with.

We looked at each of the sections in turn and tried to look for common themes. Those of us who had been involved in the change group for the previous year were pleased to see that some of the common themes from the previous year, under the not working well had moved to the working well sections, where a theme remained the same, the focus of the theme had changed. There were also lots of positive comments about things which had come about because of the change group and the school improvement plan.

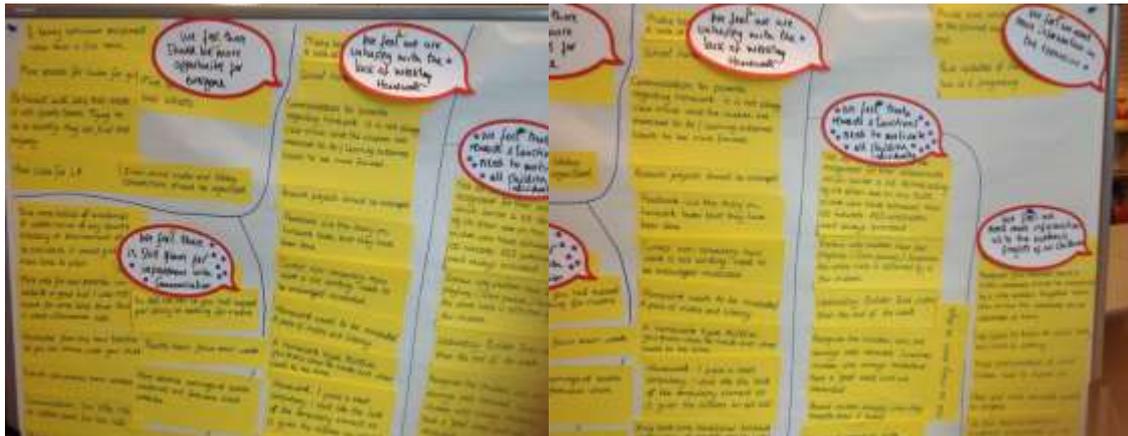
Once we had grouped the responses into themes, we came up with statements summing up the overall feeling about the theme from the responses and wrote 'We feel, think or know' statements based on the information we had.

For some in the group this is one of the most challenging aspects of the process because sometimes the responses from the questionnaires do not always represent the personal opinions of the group however the purpose is to act as a voice for all parents.

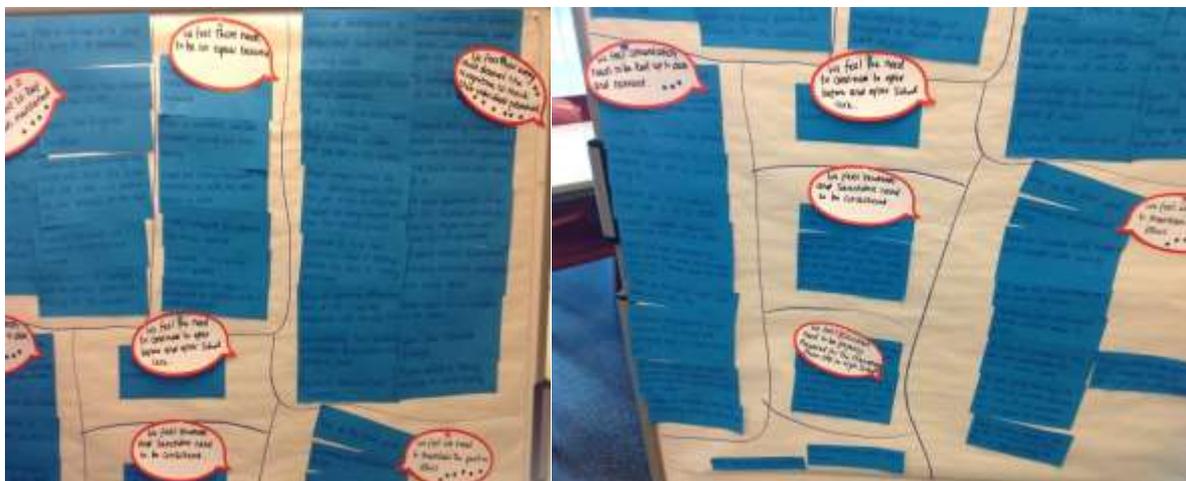
### **What is working well?**



### **What's not working well?**



**What's important for the future?**



When we had completed the statements all members of the group were given 3 stickers. They were able to put their stickers onto the statements which they felt were the most important of all the themes raised.

It will be these themes which we will look at in more detail at our next meeting. Once again I would like to thank all the parents who have given their time to be part of the Working Together for Change group and I hope that we have another successful year of working together to make OPA even better.