

Colston's School Cooperative Forum Meeting

Tuesday 24 November 2015

Present: Staff reps Gianna Amanda Davies (AD, Chair) Duncan Brett	Parent Reps Susy Giullari	Others Maddy Kent (MK, Headteacher) Cate Robbins (Governor) Leanne Sowersby (clerk)
Apologies: Bronwen Wright (Governor) Mike Reddecliff Mel Jady Emily Marsh Vicki Scammell Karen Silence Alan Thomson Ali Berry Sam Martin		

		Action
1	Apologies and welcome	
2	Any other business – Facebook, frequency of meetings, electing parent reps	
	<p>Actions report – See actions list below.</p> <p>There was a discussion around whether the Articles can be changed – LS believes they cannot be changed without permission from the EFA – AD to check with RD.</p> <p>There was a discussion around recruiting Community members and Community Governor and whether parents can be Community members.</p>	
3	<p>Information reports</p> <p>Governors: CR has had a positive meeting with Alex Bell.</p> <p>Staff: Things are going better and better. The PlayPod is successful and the children are enjoying it. Have organised a PlayPod open day for parents to see how it works.</p> <p>There is also a mini PlayPod trolley for Elmgrove. Training is being organised for staff. It has been very positive for the children. Older and younger children are playing well together with it.</p> <p>Parents: Food group have been doing a lot of work. A questionnaire has been created which should go out soon. They have visited schools, talked to chefs and looked at menus.</p> <p>Have considered tying something into healthy eating week, focussing also on where food comes from etc. it could be a useful way to help people understand what the Coop do.</p> <p>Peter Kay has been working with parents on how to use social media and looking at the Facebook page. SG is waiting to hear from RD having been asked to wait before launching the page. PK suggested removing school branding to make it more of a parents' page. Also suggested calling it, 'Digital Playground' and making it an opportunity for people to engage in playroom style chats and a discussion forum.</p> <p>Have avoided having, 'ground rules' in order to avoid putting people off, but will obviously be prepared to act if there is inappropriate comment.</p> <p>There was a discussion around whether people might post complaints and how this could be handled. Moderators are notified of posts and will be able to respond</p>	

Date	Action	Who	Done	Update
21 Sep	Look at Articles re: election of new Forum reps	AD	✓	24/11 AD has done this
21 Sep	Find out what after school clubs parents would like, whether any parents have the skills to teach languages and whether / how much people are willing to pay.	Parent reps	✓	24/11 There has been a survey about language clubs – detailed in minutes.
21 Sep	Set up working group to look at engaging the community		✓	24/11 AD & BW have been working on this and have set up an event next week.
21 Sep	Ask for interest from parents to be involved in the working group	Parent reps	✓	24/11 This has been set up
21 Sep	Investigate children's views, especially re after school clubs	AD	✓	24/11 Detailed in minutes above
21 Sep	Produce survey for parents	Parent reps	✓	24/11 This has been sent out.
21 Sep	Send out survey for parents	School	✓	24/11 Done
21 Sep	Invite the new Head to the next meeting	MK	✓	24/11 Done – he was unable to attend tonight but will be attending the event next week.
21 Sep	Collect staff views on the issues discussed.	Staff reps		24/11 See minutes – AD will look at this.
24 Nov	MK to talk to RD about responding re: the Facebook page	MK		