

Parent Council Minutes

Meeting 8

12th June 2023 – 4.30pm

Attendees

C Watson, C Bou Aziz, L Cooper, R Pearce, J Wood, L James, S Ambler, S Duncan, S Porter

School Tour

On 12th June at 9am, several members of the Parent Council were given a full tour of the school by Mr Duncan. This was a very informative tour round showing classes ranging from Nursery all the way up to Year 6.

In all classrooms the teachers were not fazed by our presence and carried on teaching. The children would look over to see us but then went back to their classes. They seemed engaged with their work and the written work that we saw was of a good standard.

We were also able to see the impressive IT suite and the different nurture rooms, halls and library.

The school was clean, tidy and well presented and we were all impressed with the low noise levels for such a large school.

1. Apologies

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2. Guest speaker – SEND update – Stephen Porter

Mr Porter took us through the school's procedures for children with special educational needs. This varies in adaptations and support for each individual child.

Nurse-year 1 is mainly speech & language and communications. The school liaise with NHS speech & language, psychology services, Dudley learning support literacy and numeracy who work to make recommendations for targets and support. They also work with a variety of other funded agencies such as hearing and visual impairment services and autism outreach.

Over 100 children are currently on the special education register. They have individual targets which are assessed regularly. They are reviews to see if they need an Educational Healthcare Plan which can then top up funding and provide advice. The school currently have 14 children at the moment with these plans and most of them have 1-2-1 support. The plans are reviewed annually.

Some children with severe visual impairment and Downs syndrome work on a different curriculum which is used to show their progress.

The challenges for the SEND team is mainly time and support from external agencies due to funding problems and lack of recruitment. Peters Hill have Miss Baker who helps to provide early intervention and children are only referred if they really need it. The school have a good relationship with the external agencies which helps.

3. School Uniform

A new supplier has been sourced and parents can now buy branded school uniform online and collect directly through the school. A letter has been sent to parents detailing how to do this.

4. Catering

Parent council are attending a tasting session on Wednesday 14th June at 11am to look at the offerings of the potential new supplier. So far, the meetings have been successful, and they are looking to swap over by October half term. This team will keep prices very similar but will try to drive profits through uptake rather than cost of meals.

5. After School Opportunities

Currently every year group has opportunities for after school activities, but numbers are limited, we asked the question whether there will be increased opportunities going forwards.

Mr Duncan confirmed that the curriculum teams are all taking up new opportunities next year to deliver after school clubs as there will be no more school let tutoring. There should be a range of different activities to choose from.

In terms of the question asked last meeting about providing paid cover during inset days Mr Duncan is currently looking into this.

6. Student Voice

Students are asked to provide feedback on a range of things which they enjoy. This feedback is then looked at and tested out where appropriate.

7. School Streets Feedback

It was felt that the meeting, which was council led, was quite weak and not sold well. The outcome being that the permit controlled roads will be trialled from September 2023.

8. Summer Fayre

A potential date of Saturday 6th July was suggested and will be discussed at the next meeting on 10th July. At this meeting the dates and terms of reference will also be discussed.

9. Parent Survey Questions

This has now been sent out and will be discussed at the next meeting.

10. Date of next meeting

Monday 10th July at 4.30pm.