

Minutes

Parent Council Meeting

DATE

March 13th 2023

TIME

16.30

ATTENDEES

S. Duncan, C.Bou Aziz, J. Wood and L.James

APPOLOGIES

L.Cooper, C.Watson, A. Khahlid, R.Pearce, A.Cash, S.Lees

AGENDA ITEMS:

1. **Apologies** – Accepted.
2. **Citizenship Awards** – Nic Gregory came into talk with us at the beginning of the meeting about the Citizenship Award program – an excellent opportunity for years 3-6 to get involved in this enrichment which is very similar in some ways to the Duke Of Edinburgh Award. More information about what the levels entail is on the school website. This led to a discussion about the breadth of enrichment at school and the excellent opportunities for all year groups to get involved.
3. **School streets update**- Mr Duncan updated the group on actions to date. There will be an opportunity for residents and parents to attend a meeting with the local authority. This will be arranged and communicated asap.
4. **Catering service** A discussion was held about some of the pros and cons of the current catering provider, such as the merits of the “Sub” bar and development of healthier options. School Business Leader to attend the next meeting to gain parent feedback.
5. **Uniformity** –Mr Duncan led the discussion on the current school uniform and asked if we felt there should be any changes. We unanimously agreed that we like the current uniform. An update will be coming to all parents in April 23 with options around uniform with logo and the pre-loved uniform shop.
6. **Industrial action** – Mr Duncan updated us on the NEU strike.
7. **Length of the school day** – Mr Duncan informed us of the DFE action for all schools to extend the school day – this will commence from September 2023 and the school day will finish at 3.15pm and 3 pm for reception. This information will be sent out to parents via letter in due course.
8. **Safeguarding bulletin** – This will be a regular item that will be sent to parents with national and local updates – the first edition will happen this week.
9. **Newsletter and the website** – Mr Duncan asked us if we liked the improvements to the newsletter as he wants to have more “voice” coming through – we said we did and we find the newsletter very informative.
10. **Curriculum and planning process** – Mr Duncan discussed the information on the website which illustrates the curriculum journey of each year group – next year challenges will also be put into that information – we said we really like that information.

11. **School improvement on a Page** – Mr Duncan shared with use a summary of the school improvement plan which will also be shared on the website so that parents can access the information and be aware of what is happening in school in terms of quality improvement targets.
12. **Summary of SIP work** Mr Duncan discussed the work of the external partner who is a “critical friend” (that means he is an expert who goes into school and looks at teaching and learning and then helps to develop quality improvement). He has worked with the subject teams in a number of subjects including Geography, PSHE, reading etc and has done a teaching and learning review in the form of learning walks (lesson observations) and given staff feedback. He has helped with generating information which will go into school quality improvement plans.
13. **Parent feedback (Summer term)** – Parent feedback will be gathered this year in the same way as it was last year with a questionnaire sent out via email. This method generated a lot of useful feedback last year so hopefully it will do the same this year.
14. **Attendance figures** – Attendance is generally better this year and Mr Duncan explained this in relation the national attendance figures. This is good news for our school.
15. **Collaboration and partnerships** – Our school is currently working with two schools sharing good practice and working collaboratively on quality improvement.
16. **Pupil numbers and birth rates** – Mr Duncan told us we are in a 7-year dip – this has funding implications for our school because admission rates are and will be lower.
17. **Financial update** – highly problematic due to the continued issues with funding and education which are a government issue.
18. **Dates for parent council tour of the school** – Mr Duncan has made the generous offer of having the parent council in for a tour of the school – this will be in the summer term. Please can people let Claire Bou Aziz know when they would be available.
19. **AOB** – Discussion about some of the excellent awareness days happening in school.

NEXT MEETING

April 25th 2023 – 4.30pm