

Parent Council Minutes

Meeting held on: **Thursday 3 May 2018 at 9.15am**

<p>Present:</p> <p>Victoria Laslett (Chair) VL Lesley Manners (minutes) LM Fran Zimmer FZ Alix Leeds AL Emily Clark EC Sophie Simpson SS Jacqui Veitch JV Amanda StevensonAS</p>	<p>Apologies:</p> <p>Dawn Blthyn DB Caroline Bay CB Donna Lipscomb-Shrewy DL</p>
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Subject	Discussion	Action
Parent Council Administration	VL & LM had discussed the need to have a clerk who could ensure items raised at the meetings were followed up. LM offered to take on this role, which was agreed.	
Matters Arising	<p>Santander have been in and completed some 'finance' work with Year 5. A supply teacher spent some time with Mrs Leith's class looking at careers, money etc.</p> <p>JV asked if there was an opportunity for work experience externally, FZ said the Community Engagement Governor had done some work on this and another meeting is due where it will be discussed. LM discussed a program used at her son's school where information was input and some career ideas were given to the children. FZ asked if LM could get the details.</p> <p>Asking people from different roles to come and talk to Year 6/5 about possible careers was discussed.</p>	<p>FZ to feed back on external work experience for yr 6</p> <p>LM to ask for careers program details from OPGS</p>
Inclusion	VL had tried a few charities but larger charities weren't easy to pin down. It was thought more local charities might be preferable. More Than Words would definitely be able to help. It was confirmed that 6 visits per school year – one per short term – would be sufficient.	VL & LM to discuss a date for MTW and discuss other charities to approach
Mindfulness	Mindfulness – the school needs to refer to Education Psychologist to discuss whether they can provide training in school or possibly twilight training to help Year 6 with the pressure of SAT's. The idea would be to have a few minutes daily to practice some mindfulness techniques once the system was in place. A discussion will take place with the training provider for effective use. £600 has been allocated through PTA from SS's company fundmatching.	VL to contact Ed Psych for provision guidance. SS to research if Ed Psych can't/won't provide.
Year 6 Transition	<p>VL has researched some Tips for school and families to use to make the transition easier. Please see attached.</p> <p>Five Acre Wood School are holding a meeting for parents to discuss any problems they/their children may be concerned about (date in newsletter)</p>	

	<p>There will be 6 sessions after half term. One will cover bus/train timetables, public transport etiquette etc Apps to be discussed to help children with timetables.</p> <p>It is felt a session needs to be on social media and how to stay safe. LM will look into whether there is a Youth Officer (police) who could speak to Yr 6 at their level. The format of this needs further discussion.</p> <p>LM suggested some Yr11 students may be able to come in to discuss the transition with the children and possibly attend a Transition Evening for parents.</p> <p>SS suggested thinking about sleep provision, personal responsibility and discussion on peer pressure</p>	<p>SS to find out the name of app 'find my way home' used by students</p> <p>LM to ask police contact</p> <p>LM to find students to help. VL to give a date</p>
AOB	<p>The school requires more Governors. Some suggestions were made and will be followed up</p> <p>Feedback was requested and discussed regarding the new website. A few teething issues and follow up information required outside of PC remit, but very positive.</p> <p>Photos of the school's pupils on social media, is an ongoing issue, and, whilst most parents appreciate the legal requirements for some of the pupils not to appear on social media, there are still some who don't. After some discussion it was decided that a request should be made at each assembly and school event that parents/carer's should not share photos of any pupil, other than their own child/ren.</p> <p>Cameras at Sports Day were discussed and it was decided to continue to allow cameras but once again to strongly reiterate that no images of any pupil other than their own child/ren be shared on any social media. This will be reviewed following Sports Day.</p> <p>It was requested that Parent Council (PC) remind parents to follow the Complaints Procedure at all times rather than place negative comments on social media. This reinforces the Home School Agreement and will work towards the collective good of the school.</p> <p>It was thought that having each member of the PC as the parent contact for a school year would be beneficial for furthering the focus of the PC These will be confirmed at the next meeting and issued for September 2018. In addition to this it was suggested that an 'ideas/comments' box be available for parents to use if they prefer.</p>	<p>AS/VL/FZ to ensure assembly/event leaders have the information</p> <p>FZ/VL/AS to ensure posters are ready for Sports Day</p> <p>PC Representatives</p>
Next Meeting	<p>Thursday 21 June 2018, 9.15am, SENCO office</p> <p>Please let LM know items for the agenda</p>	