

Parent Forum 19.03.18

Attendees: Paul Bardos, Paula Costa, Charlie Cox, Christine Gamm, Marion Jones, Yasmin Sanchez-Pearson, David Sherman, Kris Kaminski

1. Elections

- i) Chair – Charlie Cox
- ii) Vice Chair – Marion Jones
- iii) Secretary – Christine Gamm
- iv) Class reps:
 - a. Lima – Kris Kaminski
 - b. Rose – Christine Gamm
 - c. John – David Sherman
 - d. Gregory – ??? (Maz is on the case here)
 - e. Dominic – Paula Costa
 - f. De Porres – Marion Jones

ACTION POINT:

Representative for Gregory Class to be recruited

2. Future meetings – timing

It was agreed that as a starting point, meetings would take place at 6.30-8p.m. but that dial in Skype would be offered for those who are unable to attend. The chat window would enable contributions to be made. There would also be the option for parents to submit written comments, suggestions or questions beforehand.

ACTION POINT:

Paula Costa to create email to parents so that we can include invitation to Skype with notice of next meeting

3. Foci for future meetings

The discussion centred on two points:

- i) What the Parent Forum needs to do in order to achieve its aims (as stated in the constitution)
- ii) How to engage more parents in the forum

It was agreed that meetings would have (maximum) two themes: in the main, one put forward by the parent body and one by the staff/governors.

MEETING 1 (Thursday 19 April 6.30-8p.m.)

It was recommended that in the first meeting

Strategy Discussion Topics

- i) The primary item on the agenda would be parents, governors and staff putting together *the school's vision from all the different perspectives* (to be used in marketing etc.)
- ii) A secondary item on the agenda (to inform future meetings) would be communication: brainstorm of next steps including timeliness, status reporting and sharing of strategic planning for school + building projects etc
- iii) Update re key school matters including class structures for next year

School Activities

- i) Sport

ACTION POINT:

- i) Charlie to write to all parents by way of introduction
- ii) Governors and Charlie to discuss, and then Charlie to send invitation (together) to parents (and staff) summarising last night's meeting and enticing them to attend/Skype the meeting on 19.4.18 (Margot & Charlie to contact governors and staff about this and to identify who will attend).
- iv) Class reps to contact parents in their class and encourage people who cannot attend to give their questions/contributions prior to the meeting.

FUTURE MEETINGS COULD LOOK LIKE THIS:

MEETING 2

- i) Marketing (to include newspapers, social media, website)
- ii) Website – development for marketing and teaching

MEETING 3

- i) Ethos
- ii) Calendar of dates/expectation

OTHER TOPICS TO BE COVERED

- i) Data (if appropriate at this time in the school year) – results and interpretation
- ii) Parent contributions including the Building Fund and Parent Contributions (in kind and money)
- iii) Volunteering e.g. blogging rota, reading, maths, homework
- iv) Home learning
- v) Parents and governors
- vi) Wider community – parish and local area