

Parent Voice Minutes

7th February 2017



Present:

Chair: Steve McNair

Secretary: Gill Platt

In attendance:

David James(DJ) Lucy Owen (LO) Louise Samways (LS)

Jessica Jeffery (JJ) Kunjan Sembhi (KS)

Apologies:

Janet Williams. Rachel Rosevear. Emma Andrew. CO.

Welcome & Introductions.

Steve welcomed everyone that came, particularly to our 2 new members Jessica and Kunjan

Minutes of the Meeting 12th December 2016

The minutes of the meeting were agreed and signed off.

Matters arising from previous minutes

It was agreed that we'll still attend Parent's Evenings as much as we can with the banner and leaflets to promote PV.

Steve is going to update the website and in due time there will be a monthly newsletter going out from school and DJ said there would be a section on there for PV.

When the minutes have been checked by SM, GP will also email them to Matt from IT so he can put them onto the school website.

CO has put together a questionnaire together for the IPAD's to be used at Parent's Evenings. This will be put together by 6th formers, it will then come back to us, some of these may need to be edited as they are similar questions to previous surveys that the school has put out and we don't want to repeat too much.

We're not sure how much dogs are still an issue, so if anyone has any evidence, i.e. photos etc then please let PV know or DJ.

We need more info about SRE before PV can help so DJ will speak to Lisa West and refer back to us.

We need to decide on a topic for future meetings, DJ suggested we look at BBC education news and there may be some relevant topics, it was also suggested that DJ could give us topics that he thinks are relevant and would benefit from discussion.

It was decided that it would be good for PV members to promote PV on various Facebook pages that are set up by parents, there are also discussions on there that PV members could join in with that would be helpful to parents and to the school.

The letters regarding payment on school trips need to be checked as someone thought that the voluntary contribution part is unclear to those who get free school meals etc.

Hopefully in time all parents will realise that there **must be 100% take up** on the charges that have to be paid for a trip to go ahead, and also if the payments could be made in good time, then everyone will know sooner that it is definitely happening, as there are some logistical issues for parent's re pick up etc. if the trip is suddenly cancelled.

The new Head Boy is Harry and the Head girl is Emma, Deputy Head boy is John. They recently attended a Governor's Meeting.

The link for the presentation of the Internet Safety meeting will be posted to PV page.

LS will contact school photographers about quality, price and postage as a lot of parents are currently unhappy with all of the above issues. We will see what other companies offer and see if there is a better deal for everyone.

AOB.

It was raised about cycles in school and where cyclists should dismount, it was agreed it should be at the school gate to ensure the safety of everyone as there is such a wide age range of pupils.

We asked DJ what stage the catering is at as there have been issues. It is hoped that the school will be running the catering with Catering Academy before too long, by September hopefully.

The Manager of Catering Academy wants to be more involved with the children and the school, running groups/classes etc.
Children are still allowed to run up a balance, this has to stop.
Also online payment has to be a priority and set up ASAP.

DJ will give us admin rights to use dropbox for all the minutes and other info.

Ofsted are due and DJ would like PV members to be available to speak to them,

It was raised at the end that we seem to go over the same issues, which is because we review the minutes, its then reviewed again in the new format and minuted and the cycle continues, so it maybe that Steve will agree and sign off the minutes, and only issues that need to arise from it will then be discussed, or we carry on as before and only those issues will be minuted!

ACTION	WHO
Decide on Topic(s) for Next Meetings & Promote	ALL/SM
Promote PV on Year Group Facebook Pages	ALL
Attend Parents Evenings where possible for dates see below.	ALL to share
Update PV Website	SM
Parent Voice to have access to Dropbox	DJ
Any evidence of dogs on site send to DJ	ALL
Clearer Signage Re Dogs & Bikes	DJ/MITIE
Link to Internet Safety Presentation add to website	SM/DJ
Email Minutes directly to IT for Website (ongoing)	GP
Review school photography service & supplier with Governors	LS
iPAD questionnaire to be implemented by school and returned to PV for review.	DJ
What input can parents/PV have to SRE	DJ
Answers to Principle's Questions and some FAQ's	DJ
Principle's answers add to website with banner better explanation of the process to be added.	SM

DATE OF NEXT PARENTS EVENINGS

Y9 - Thursday 2 March 2017

Y8 - Thursday 27 April 2017

Y10 - Thursday 15 June 2017

DATE OF NEXT MEETINGS

Term 4 Mon 27th March 2017 (KP)

Term 5 Wed 24th May 2017 (DJ)

Term 6 Mon 3rd July 2017 (KP)