

Sir Harry Smith Community College

Parent Council Meeting Minutes

Tuesday 11th September 2012, 6.00 p.m. ~ 7.00 p.m.

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The meeting started with a tour of the new facilities at College followed by a Powerpoint presentation of the GCSE and A-Level results for August 2012. We then discussed future topics to be presented at Parent Council.

1. **A request was made for the Parent Council Dates 2012/13 to be issued.** **RP**

2. **It was suggested that we email all meeting points to all parents and ask:-**
 - If they wished to attend future meetings to reply to AShaw@sirharrysmith.cambs.sch.uk
 - or
 - If parents were unable to attend Parent Council meetings, but wished to put forward topics for discussion, to email the topic so in can be put on the agenda, once again to AShaw@sirharrysmith.cambs.sch.uk
 - It was agreed by all that we needed to know in advance if parents wished to attend in order to book an appropriate sized room.

3. **Key Stage 3 Reports**
 - Parents would like more detail regarding National Curriculum Levels together with National Curriculum Average Levels Nationally - Mr Potter suggested Mr Fuller would attend the next Parent Council Meeting and present this topic on 20th November.
 - Parents asked why Year 9 reports are different than Key Stage 3; again this is a question the Mr Fuller will answer.
 - Parents and students were unsure of the new sets for Year 9 and Mr Potter said Mr Fuller would be able to clarify this.

4. **Parents' Evening**
 - The suggestion was made that parents could not see all teachers because of insufficient time slots. Mr Potter explained that this was an issue at other schools also. It was highlighted that it was not a problem at Primary, but Mr Potter explained often Primary teachers only had one class in comparison to secondary schools where teachers will have more than one class.
 - It was requested that teachers remain at the parents' evening if they have not seen all of their students for the duration of the parents' evening. Mr Potter agreed this was the case except if a teacher had one group that could be small it would result in the teacher leaving early if they had seen all of their appointments.
 - Mr Potter did say that staff were more than willing to be contacted by phone or email and this was supported by parents.



5. Sports Awards

- There was a question why the Sports Awards did not receive vouchers whilst the Academic Awards did. This will be rectified for next year.

6. Options ~ James Fuller

- Parents wished to know more about levels and options for Year 9. Mr Potter again said this would be discussed by Mr Fuller.
- It was suggested that the National Curriculum Levels for each subject could be placed on the website in order to help parents support their children.

7. Christmas

- It was agreed that the Presentation on 22nd January 2013 would be held by Nick Mitchell and would focus on BSF with a tour.

