

# MINUTES OF THE PARENT COUNCIL MEETING

**TUESDAY 23<sup>RD</sup> JUNE 2015**

Present: H Norris, T Cooper, S Donnachie, B Teague, V Read, C Agger, H Brown, D Bavister, N Hargreaves,

## 1. Feedback and marking – Helen Norris

- Helen explained the feedback policy and how we are implementing it. Recommendations from Ofsted were explained.
- Shared the policy, stamp and the QM sheet.
- Barry asked for clarification for the time usage; Helen explained that the time at the beginning of the lesson would apply to all students- not individuals.

## 2. Student Voice – presented by Terry Cooper

- School Council is consulted on policies etc.
- Student Voice looks at existing ideas and how we can improve the school.
- Open to all students. Main representatives are from Year 7-9, meetings held on Friday lunchtimes and food and drink are provided.
- Election success.
- Terry Cooper brought minutes from a Student Voice meeting to explain the kinds of topics that are discussed.
- Suzanne Gostic, Catering Manager, has visited the Student Council and, as a result has changed meals provided by canteen.
- Jonathan Digby visited to answer questions about 'whole school' issues.
- The whole focus is on creating a community.
- Some Year 9s say their favourite time of the fortnight is coming to the meetings.
- Election – Terry explained the success of the election campaign and how we have been implementing the policies which were agreed to. Photos were placed on website. We had a 68% turn out in terms of votes.

## 3. 1st Parent Council – September 2015

- Email all parents (rather than just the current PC members).
- Year 6 Induction –get some flyers printed similar to those we used at the Open Evening in the autumn term.

## 4. Parental View

- It would be great for students to know what the Parent Council talk about.
- Would parents like to have a copy of the Student Voice minutes?
- Vicky Read: Student Voice was discussed as student services.
- Likes the fact that Student Voice is inclusive.
- Gives a balance having Student Voice and Student Council.
- Sponsor a child – all overseas.
- Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Mali – information to be put on website.
- Money received goes to the child's community rather than to the individual child.

## 5. AOB

- Behaviour cards – can yellow be sent on the day?
- Terry replied that they are sent to reception for checking.
- Duke of Edinburgh's Award – who is going? Information haven't been very clear.
- We are not allowed to give them the information in advance due to it being Duke of Edinburgh. The independence is part of the D of E process.
- Terry said on the practice – a member of staff is with the students on the trip.
- Dell – Helen explained that Nick Mitchell is keen to have the views of the Parent Council regarding the consultation about our IT provision. An e mail of invitation is being sent to members of the Parent Council.

Finally, Helen explained that Terry Cooper will be running the Parent Council from September and welcomed him to the group.