



Parent Council Minutes

Tuesday 13th June 2023

6:00-7:15pm. Library (D Block)

Minutes

- **Apologies**

Annika Evans Tony Tyler Louise Cutmore Tracy Baros Angela Day

- **Minutes from last meeting**

- New Toilet Block is now open and being well looked after by students – there are 4 toilets on the right for boys and 4 on the left for girls separated by a corridor. Parents were happy with this.
- Arbor – Currently being improved

- **Hand-over planning and changes to the Senior Leadership Team**

- Mr Griffin in school Wednesdays and Thursdays for hand-over, getting to know staff and students
- Mr Ruggins, promoted to Assistant Principal from September / Mrs Jacobson to Deputy Principal

- **Staffing and Finance Update**

- Mr Clift will be HOY 11
- Mr Riley, Head of English while Miss Boittier on maternity leave
- Miss Bull has taken over from Mr Allen as Head of Maths
- Othersie the school is fully staffed from September
- School is okay financially with enough reserves for now. Government are not fully funding pay awards though.
- B Block is being refurbished.
- New Computers being purchased.
- Primary School meetings of new intake of Year 7s are going well, positive feedback that Mrs Jackson (SENCo) is attending.

- **PSFA Update and Membership**

- 5 members. Need to recruit more to enable more fundraising
- 2 big events per year (Quiz night etc)
- Birchwood Bonus Ball runs each month
- Preloved Uniform is popular
- Chair position still vacant
- Upcoming Musical Bingo event on 14th July 2023 – tickets now on sale
- Canopy Project completed and students very happy as provides shade from the sun (and will protect from rain!)

- **Roundtable** – topics Parent Council wish to raise for discussion or future meetings.

Year 7

- Would be useful if current working grades and target grades were given on interim reports
- Low level behaviour, specifically in some Science classes
- Still awaiting the Homework and Revision Guide
- Electronic copy of the PE uniform list and correct dates would be useful.

Year 8

- Reward Points – heavily favouring the girls over boys.
- Behaviour Points – heavily favouring boys over girls.
Both reward and behaviour points currently being reviewed
- Limited spaces on upcoming school trips so students disappointed to have missed out.
This is due to limited capacity at some venues
- PE – Girls seem disengaged – can they play proper football matches?
- Reports – not giving grades on interim reports makes it difficult when choosing options subjects
- Flexible approach to lateness due to roadworks
- Rewards points and behaviour points are being added to Arbor in a bundle, not on day of receiving the points.
- Some boys pushing younger students in the corridors, particularly English, Science and B Block stairs.

Year 10

- If any trips first come first served, can letters go out before the trip goes onto ParentPay.
- Parents not well informed on Mocks
- Table Tennis tables will be moved around as Year 10s do use them
- Business Studies – Thorpe Park trip, 2 students from whole class not picked to attend.
- Triple Science – poor behaviour in 1st set lessons

Year 11

- Students have appreciated Teachers being around before exams.

Sixth Form

- Year 13 – A Big thank you to Mr Torrance and Mrs Hassani who have been a great support.

All

- Lunchtimes – there are 5 different ways to purchase food.
- After School Clubs – still showing Autumn timetable on the website.
- Enrichment Week – needs better communication beforehand although parents appreciated the efforts to get this up and running.

Any Other Business

- SLT asked for our thoughts on closing school early to allow Parent's Evenings to start at 2.30/3pm.
 - Positive response
 - Parent's Evenings would need to be on different days so the same lessons are not missed
 - Suggested asking the question on the next Survey Monkey

Date of Next Meeting – TBC

Parent Council Members – Summer 2023

Chair: Katie Horwood

| | Parent 1 | Parent 2 | Parent 3 | Parent 4 |
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| Year 7 | Lisa Rodmell | Anita Stannard | Hayley Hyatt | Amanda Anderson |
| Year 8 | Flora Klumpler | Annika Evans | Louise Brixton | |
| Year 9 | Louise Cutmore | Lee Tibbey | | |
| Year 10 | Tracy Baros | Michelle Gowlett | Pam Harknett | Helene Petterson |
| Year 11 | Alison Reader | Kerry Gaulton | | |

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| Year 12 | Sarah Poole | Sarah Ficken | Angela Day | |
| Year 13 | Anne Hummersone | Tony Tyler | Alison Thomson | |