



Parent Council Minutes

Date of Meeting: Friday 20th April 2018

Clerk: Liz Johnson

Attendance

Name	Class	Present/Apologies
Rashid Chunara	Rabbit	Apologies
Matt Hulme	Ladybird	Apologies
Neville Archer	Deer	Present
Yasar Ahmad	Fox	Present
Yvonne Siurtek	Woodpecker	Apologies
Nathalie Katona	Butterfly	Present
Amanda Whelan	Frog	Present
Heather Bruce	Owl	Present
Mark Rossiter	Hedgehog	Present
Jan Davies	Squirrel	Present
Enoch Kiyaga	Badger	Apologies
Liz Johnson	FLO	Present
Sally Burston	Headteacher	Apologies

LJ informed the group that Matt Hulme had regrettably decided to leave the group due to family and work commitments.

Issues discussed;

1. Minutes of Last Meeting

Agreed as a true record of the meeting.

2. Matters Arising

- Speak Out, Stay Safe. Is starting on 24th April with our higher

cognitive ability children. Information cards are to go out to parents after each session to explain what messages were given out so they can be reinforced at home. The senior leadership team is considering how to deliver the core messages to the wider school; this is a larger piece of work and so will take time, but important to get it right.

3. Main Discussion Item – Extended Schools.

SB is considering our out of school clubs and how they can enhance the children's learning and support families. There will be a wider consultation with all families but we felt it useful to bring here first to gain views and possible considerations for the wider consultation.

Exercise 1. In pairs discuss the various options and rate the top 3.

1. Swimming
2. Joint – Music and Holiday / Weekend

Trampolining and Sports club also mentioned. Issues raised were transport and food, as can delay tea time which may disrupt routine.

LJ asked the group to consider the difference between specialist clubs and childcare. Thinking about enhancing skills, being time limited, cost, focused activities, support for working parents, private company providing it etc.

Exercise 2. Rounds. Parents were given 2 minutes to consider their own views on the subject and then each parent was given 2 minutes to share these, uninterrupted with the group. After each person had their turn we then had a wider discussion. Main points raised were as follows:

- Transport – traffic an issue for 5.00pm pick up, can parents help each other out? Room for equipment, bag etc. school minibus – staff availability, size of run, cost?
- Staff/child ratios – is there enough staff to support the children to do the activities
- Snack / food – is there one, peg feed – would this be delayed?
- Permanent day each week no matter which club
- Holiday club – great idea, maintains structure and routine in holidays. Which day – siblings already committed to some. Would be good for them to see friends. Would be good to support with work, not been able to find a childminder with the skills. Nice to be in an environment where children not judged or discriminated against. Preparation would be needed for the children re coming into school but not their class. 10:00am – 3.00pm good times. 1 or 2 days a week.
- Activities – are they appropriate? Child needs to enjoy them, enhance learning
- Whole school year rather than 10 weeks for routine and structure

- Cost – needs to be affordable
- Parents involved – volunteer or support own child, DBS check, siblings would need exploring
- Is after school too much, can be tired after school day and have a nap when get home
- Private company – weary of, will they have the skills needed
- Good to be at school, got all the facilities needed

Holiday clubs came out as the most valued support by everyone either to support with work, to allow time with siblings or for the child to maintain some routine and see friends.

4. Your Views - School Dinners

LJ fed back to the group, main points

- SALT Rebecca Myles is going on NAS feeding course in June and will then do a top tips paper to support parents, this will go on our website. In the meantime LJ gave out some basic ideas and referred to NAS website.
- Suggestion of a food group in school for parents to come to and do some work with their children. It was felt this was a good idea.
- Feedback on discussions with Jean, school cook around choices, menu's, awareness of individual need.
- Feedback on individualised support, showed the lunchtime mat, reassured it is considered learning time and teachers present at meal times.

Your views – next topic

Agreed to consider Information, what is out there and how is it given to parents.

Decisions and recommendations made:

- LJ to feedback extended schools discussion to SB and consider ways forward to consult with wider parent group.
- LJ and SB to discuss food group in school for children and parents
- LJ to discuss with SB possibly inviting SEND local officer or Family information service to part of next meeting for information discussion.

Date of next meeting: Friday 6th July 2018, 10:00 – 11:30am