



## Parent Council Minutes

**Date of Meeting: 6<sup>th</sup> July 2018**

**Clerk: Liz Johnson**

### Attendance

<b>Name</b>	<b>Class</b>	<b>Present/Apologies</b>
Rashid Chunara	Rabbit	Apologies
Neville Archer	Deer	Present
Yasar Ahmad	Fox	Present
Yvonne Siurtek	Woodpecker	Present
Nathalie Katona	Butterfly	Apologies
Amanda Whelan	Frog	Present
Heather Bruce	Owl	Present
Mark Rossiter	Hedgehog	Apologies
Jan Davies	Squirrel	Present
Enoch Kiyaga	Badger	Apologies
Liz Johnson	FLO	Present
Sally Burston	Headteacher	Present
Ann Whitehead	School Improvement Partner	Present

### Issues discussed;

#### **1. Minutes of Last Meeting**

Agreed as a correct record.

#### **2. Matters Arising**

- Holiday Questionnaire. This went out to parent/carers and we

receive a 35% response. 85% were interested in holiday provision. LJ currently visiting a few providers to see what can be offered.

- Food Group. SB is currently reviewing our after school groups and the food group is being considered as part of this.

### **3. MAIN DISCUSSION ITEM: INFORMATION**

This topic was raised under 'Your Views' last time but LJ and SB considered it to be such a large and important topic that we have put it as the main item.

a) How did you find out useful information?

- OT – specialist chair, house adaptations, charity funding
- TEDS – Social Services, OT.
- Health visitor
- Rainbow Band (children's group in a church, made connections with other parents and found information through them)
- Good Buddies Nursery – health visitor – CAF – TEDS – Wellfield Nursery – parent courses
- SALT

Listening to everyone's experiences the Health visitor seemed to have played a key part on giving out information at the beginning.

b) Ways of gaining information.

- Parent Buddy. Previously suggested by the Parent Council. Felt to be a good idea. Suggested contact could be through messages or social media, paired up with someone in a same situation or child with common interests, perhaps meet via a social event at school. Some parents may be put off if the buddy were over bearing or had different expectations as to what a buddy was for, in addition if they became too personal. Agreed a role description would be good. It was felt the buddy would empower the parent and could support them be part of a larger network or carers. Agreed the remit of the role, training and support for buddy's essential.
- Trafford Directory / Family Information Service. Felt they are useful for finding out about services as well as child care during holidays however there is not enough awareness about them. An 'Idiots guide' for using it was suggested e.g. key words for searches.
- Other ways. Idiots Guide booklet covering things such as finances, school starts, council tax, short breaks, parent courses, services etc what are you entitled to. An open group to parents informing of new information in the area. (*the Friends of Delamere do have an online group that could provide this, for more information speak to LJ*)
- Parent Support Groups. Not known to the Parent council. Could be included in the in the aforementioned idiots guide.

- School Website / through class teacher. The group felt they would go to the teacher with help on triggers and strategies for behaviour but not necessarily anything else.
- c) What would you like information on? From a list, the top things that came out were (in this order): School, benefits, parent support groups, behaviour support, sleep clinics, Health services and transport.

#### **4. Your Views – Measuring Impact.**

LJ shared a You Said, We Did tool to reflect on what the group had achieved. The group then completed the same questionnaire as they had at the beginning of the group. LJ and SB then left the meeting for a short time for AW to discuss their experiences with them.

#### **Decisions and recommendations made:**

- Parent buddy. LJ to develop a role description and proposal for setting up the project.
- LJ to liaise with FIS over idiots guide for using the Trafford Directory
- LJ to discuss with SB and take forward the idea of an idiots guide booklet.
- LJ and SB to consider how to share with parents what teachers can offer support with or refer parents onto.
- LJ to send out the You Said, We Did with the minutes
- LJ to analyse the two impact questionnaires.

**Date of next meeting:** All members present today wish to continue in September. 2018/19 dates given out. **Next meeting Friday 5<sup>th</sup> October 2018 at 10:00am.**

Next year's discussion items include Home/School agreement, Family Learning and Social, Spiritual and moral learning.