



Parent representatives meeting agenda

Autumn 2 2017-18

17th November 2017

Attendees: Gemma Grierson, Tanya Crowder, Claudia Mlcek, Chris Matchett, Sheraine Williams, Alexis Weatherall

Apologies: Bradley Ladewig, Ray Kolodny

Item	Minutes
Positives - what is the school doing well?	Choice of teachers, chdn are fond of own teachers and miss teachers if they are on training, school gate improvements – Imran is wonderful, friendly, the way he handles situations.
Parent survey	Discussed results so far, encouraged SLT to add the staffing structure of BDPA on school website. This would really help. Also more information about ‘Ark’ on the website would be useful.
Attendance and punctuality – 8.15am door opening, 8.30am start, registers	8:15 start time is crucial – staff briefing will be moved to 7.55 to ensure staff open doors at 8:15 properly. Secondary gate timings are definite and need to be stuck to. It was an important shift for BDA to allow 8-8:15 opening. Parents shared other parents frustration with secondary gate closed at other time.
Use of secondary school gate, Du Cane road entrance	We had contacted HF borough about DuCane Rd crossing issues but no response. A link will be shared via text/newsletter/link to encourage parents to request pedestrian crossing and complain about lack of those facilities. We discussed where there were other parking spaces away from Du Cane Road. We are encouraging 8:30 start.
Staff training/absence	We will publish when staff are on courses/training or off site.
Uniform – revised policy, ties, rucksacks, earrings	We are looking into rucksacks. Khalsa schoolwear will be quoting. Uniform reminders will be sent home. Issues – missing ties, larger earrings, PE days no earrings. Discussion around high visibility extras (wristbands, high vis jackets on top of coats or high vis stripes on coats).
School communication update and questions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Text messages - Website - Facebook 	Parent Reps liked text frequency – as much as possible and in advance is helpful. <u>Website:</u> Clubs are not updated on website. They will be from January. Parent Rep page has not been updated. Minutes need adding on to website.



Curriculum and homework	<p><u>Facebook:</u></p> <p>Use it as a noticeboard. Parents would like it and follow it. Closed group for parent community. Could be celebrating purposes as well information reminders. In the future facebook could develop to include comments but it was acknowledged that moderating that takes time. So that will be looked as further in the future.</p> <p>Reason for website – for showcasing/marketing purposes but also for parents to find information.</p> <p>Exciting but not a finished product. It's underpinned by National Curric.</p> <p><u>KS1</u> History– Lives of significant individuals. Events in recent past.</p> <p>As our school grows our KS2 curriculum will be planned & aligned with the secondary. We will share curriculum map with parents & share on website.</p> <p>GG shared research that homework per se is less effective than parental engagement with homework. We encourage home reading, changing books whenever they want. Phonic books are changed every day. Practising maths skills are vital at home – in an everyday setting e.g. money, counting more or less. Teacher feedback to reward children need to be consistent. Consistency between classes is vital. Conversations about regularity of h/w will be had. Positive feedback from YrR. Less positive feedback from Yr 1/2. Leadership of school will speak to teachers about h/w.</p>
Enrichment offer	<p>QPR football now available. There are still spaces. Currently open to Y1 and Y2. Will open to YrR. SLT are planning the enrichment offer and will publish one page. Current job advert 0.6 PE specialist. We would like this person to run a free sports offer every night, but not every child every night. Recorder teaching has newly been made available.</p>
School environment	<p>GG shared Infinite Playgrounds' plan for the outdoor learning environment.</p>
Community events - BHM, Winter Fair, parent workshops (good feedback)	<p>BHM will be separate event for primary in Autumn 2018.</p> <p>A letter will be sent re – winter fair. Parent Association should publish poster with advance notice for pre-meetings, volunteer requests and timings.</p>

