



*Streetsbrook Infant & Early Years Academy
Parent Partnership Team Meeting
Thursday 14th November 2024, 2.00pm*

Present:

Louise Minter – Headteacher, LM
Rachel Turner – Governor, RT
Childcare – Jade Taylor
Fliss Miles – Business Manager
Krisma Chudasama (Owls & Childcare)
Zoe Gibson (Rockets)
Lisa Weaver (Oak & Robins)
Louise Whitticase (Bluebells)
Lee Timbrell (Bluebells)
Hannah Watson (Snowdrops)
Sahar Ashraf (Owls)
Kelly Hardcastle (Puffins)
Lucy Harris (Puffins)
Sarah Lea-Smith (Kingfishers)

Apologies:

Kate Llewellyn – Governor, KL

Minutes: Rachel Lazar - RL

Minutes of the Meeting

Welcome & Apologies

Apologies received from those mentioned above.
All members were warmly welcomed by LM.

Parent Items:

No parent items received for this meeting.

School Items:

Terms of Reference for Parent Partnership

All parents were given Working in Partnership with Parents Policy and referred to page 5. This outlines the main purpose of the PP meetings:

- To increase communication and partnership between school and home
- To provide a forum in which parents and staff can work together to further develop and improve the experiences and facilities for the children at Streetsbrook

School Improvement Plan

LM talked through the SIP. After the Ofsted visit in 2023 they identified two key areas for development around phonics and reading. This was around the time Little Wandle was being introduced into Streetsbrook. LM confirmed that Little Wandle is now embedded and school are progressing well with this priority. LM spoke around the challenges of only having 2 TAs in KS1. Looking forward, the 2024/25 priorities will be around the curriculum including looking at information published on the website. Also Miss Tench & Mrs Carey are leading a new project around Nurture UK which will eventually see Streetsbrook become a 'Nurture school'. There is also a priority around The Hive, our new SEND provision.

Swimming Pool

LM & FM spoke about the on-going expenses of the swimming pool. The pool was originally built in the 1960s as an outdoor pool. It was never meant to be used as much as it has been in the last few years with lettings and school use, and subsequent failings to the mechanics may have been a result of overuse. We have found out some parts were only for domestic use and never intended for commercial use.

We have recently lost all of our lettings companies due to having to cancel their sessions resulting in the income that the school made from the pool being lost. On top of this, Mrs Adams our long standing swimming instructor has retired after working at Streetsbrook for many years. The Finance Committee will be recommending to the Trustees that the school does not spend any further money on the pool. For

information, the school does not receive any additional money for having a swimming pool and swimming is not part of the EYFS or National Curriculum for the age of our children. Once a decision has been made a letter will go out to parents with a final decision on the future of the pool building being made in the summer term.

PP discussed the implications of this and whilst they were saddened by the news, they totally understood why this decision was being recommended to Trustees.

PP suggested that Year 2 parents should be given the choice to have a refund for the swimming lessons they had already paid for, rather than school automatically refunding.

Parking

We were joined by a Year 2 child who had had a near-miss when crossing the road at the pedestrian crossing the day before. He told Parent Partnership how he went up to the crossing on his scooter, was about to cross when a car went extremely fast past him along Ralph Road and did not stop. He and his mum were both quite shaken up by the experience and the next day he asked to have a meeting with Mrs Minter. They talked through things that school could do to help.

Parent Partnership talked about parking issues at the front of school with cars parking on the yellow line and blocking driveways. As a result members of the Senior Leadership Team will now regularly have a presence outside of school. Speed awareness/road safety homework was an idea from a parent to raise awareness to both children and their parents.

Homework

LM asked if everyone was happy with the amount of homework their child was receiving; all agreed they were.

Parent Workshops

LM asked if there were any different workshops parents would like to see? A parent suggested an art or craft workshop. Something creative that could be done together if the child is not too keen on Maths or English.

Lunchtimes

Reception now go to lunch between 11.45-12.45 to enable all classes to be back in the classroom by 1.00pm. The new astro-pitch is a big hit with the children and will be timetabled so everyone has a go on it. Including a 'girls day'!

AOB

None

Date of Next Meeting

LM thanked everyone for attending the meeting.

Date of next meeting Thursday 20 March 2025, 2.00pm