



*Streetsbrook Infant & Early Years Academy
Parent Partnership Team Meeting
Thursday 21st March 2024, 2.00pm*

Present:

Louise Minter – Headteacher, LM
Rachel Turner – Governor, RT
Kate Llewellyn – Governor, KL
Childcare – Alice Goodwin
Zoe Gibson (Oliver, Rockets)
Louise Whitticase (Thomas, Acorns)
Vicki Richardson (Oliver, Bluebells)
Krisma Chudasama (Tulsi & Radha, Bluebells & Kingfishers)
Samera Jabbar (Ariana, Robins)
Kelly Hardcastle (Leo, Owls)
Gemma Kiddle Morris (Edward, Puffins)

Apologies:

Amber Robinson

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:

Workshops

Following on from the successful writing workshops, one parent had asked if more workshops could be planned for longer periods of time, allowing parents and children to work together.

LM stated that the school had received a lot of positive feedback from the workshops that had taken place. Workshops were based on the key areas of learning and from the school's point of view they felt the current balance of workshops was about right when you take into account the planning and preparation involved and the inevitable disruption to learning when involving the children.

Parents reinforced how positive the workshops had been and commented that children demonstrated their writing well. All parents stated that they had enjoyed working alongside their children; this is definitely something that will be continued. LM asked PP to consider if there were any other workshops parents would like in the future?

Year Group Newsletters

A parent had raised a concern that information from school is distributed in different ways and is confusing, resulting in people missing information. The parent went on to say that there is a lot of information on the newsletter making it difficult to read and asked whether it would be possible to have year group newsletters and could they go on the website.

All members of Parent Partnership agreed that the current newsletter was informative and easy to read. RL confirmed that each week the newsletter is posted on the website by 3.00pm on Friday and emailed to parents at the same time. The current format of newsletter will remain the same.

LM confirmed that any other letters to parents are emailed so unless email addresses are not up-to-date, everyone should be receiving the same information.

Hall Cleaning

A parent had raised whether the hall floor could be cleaned after lunch as they felt it was really dirty for gymnastics, dance and all after school clubs.

LM confirmed that the hall is swept by the Lunchtime Supervisors after each lunchtime and the cleaners mop the floor every Friday evening. Unfortunately, Mr Oliver, the school's Site Manager is not on site to clean the hall at lunchtime.

LM explained that if the children choose a biscuit or fruit for pudding, this is not put in a bowl resulting in more crumbs on the floor. The PTA are going to purchase additional bowls to try to mitigate this. A PP parent who has recently been into school to have lunch with her child for his birthday, commented how lovely the lunchtime experience is for the children; she thought the lunch hour ran very smoothly.

Parking

A parent had described parking at schools as ‘carnage at times’. They felt that illegal parking is being exacerbated by the request to avoid parking on nearby roads and wondered whether this is a child safety problem rather than an inconsiderate parking problem.

Parking was discussed, mainly at the front of school on Ralph Road. PP wondered if teacher presence at the beginning and end of the school day would encourage parents to park appropriately, but appreciated that this was a waste of school resources especially as the school budget is so tight.

Although Parking Enforcement Officers have recently been on patrol, PP all agreed that offenders will not park inappropriately when Officers are there. We have had reports of the lettings customers at the weekends parking on the zig zag lines and in the disabled bays; LM confirmed that we will be asking the hirers to remind their clients to park appropriately.

Parking will continue to be monitored.

School Items:

Parent Questionnaire Feedback

The feedback from the parent questionnaires were discussed. LM read through some of the lovely feedback comments including ‘exceptional staff who go above and beyond’, Streetsbrook is a fantastic school, lovely teachers.’

There was a comment from a parent wanting more information on their child’s progress; LM said if school were worried about any child we would of course invite parents to a meeting where concerns could be shared and discussed. School holds two parents consultations each year, which is in line with most other schools, and parents then receive an end of year school report in July. We have an open door policy if parents have any concerns they would like to discuss.

A parent had commented that the PTA is annoying! Mrs Minter responded; we are sorry if any parent feels that this is the case. The PTA work tirelessly to raise much needed funds for the school which go towards learning resources and play equipment. I think most parents would agree that the children all enjoy the wonderful Summer and Christmas fairs, magic shows and discos that the PTA arrange, resulting in the children benefitting from a range of resources and equipment that could not be otherwise afforded.

The swimming pool was discussed with all parents agreeing that it is still a valuable addition to the school. LM informed that the cost will have to go up from next year. A parent asked if it could be made explicitly clear that parents could make additional Voluntary Contributions if they wanted to; RL confirmed that these can still be made and there is a separate section for this on Parent Pay.

School Improvement Plan Update

LM gave an update on the SIP. The school is currently embedding the reading and phonics scheme and staff are really pleased with the progress the children are making. Mrs Turner, one of our Governors, comes in once a week to read with children in Year 2; she agreed that the progress the children are making is really good and that The Little Wandle scheme is having a positive impact on the children’s outcomes. In terms of our Reading for Pleasure priority, since the Library has been decommissioned and relocated outside the classrooms, the children have become far more interested in the books available. The children are involved in an increasing range of reading for pleasure activities including class book club afternoons and secret reader sessions.

LM confirmed that next year we will be prioritising the wider curriculum and behaviour management.

Attendance

LM spoke about attendance and that there appeared to be an increasing number of families taking holiday in term time. This is being closely monitored with future requests for holidays in term time being sent to the LA for a penalty notice if they meet the criteria.

Use of Mobile Phones on Trips

Parents were reminded that when helping on trips, mobile phones need to stay in their bags. From a safeguarding perspective it is inappropriate to be taking photographs of the children. It was suggested that when a parent signs up to help they are given guidance and reminded of the expectations.

Miss Green

LM spoke about the memorial that Mrs Black has designed in honour of Miss Green, which every child and member of staff will add their fingerprint to. This activity will be taking place on 23 May. The school marathon will be dedicated to Miss Green on 25th April, raising money for The Brain Tumour Charity and Brain Tumour Research.

AOB

PP thought that World Book Day was a really good idea this year; designing the headbands with the children's favourite books on was great!

PP also requested that the hedges by Year 2 were cut back so that parents can see their children more easily at dismissal time.

.

Date of Next Meeting

LM thanked everyone for attending the meeting.

Date of next meeting Thursday 4 July, 2.00pm