



Parent Council Minutes
Tuesday 28th February 2023
6:00-7:15pm. Staff Workroom

- **Apologies**

Anne Hummersone Tony Tyler Alison Reader Charlotte Sams

- **Minutes from last meeting**

- School Trips – Plans for trips during Enrichment Week in summer term. This needs to be followed up with HoYs
- Curriculum Plans – 80% up to date on the website
- Punctuality – Ongoing roadworks have hindered the clampdown on punctuality
- After School Clubs – Looking to introduce an electronic register for after schools clubs. Can track who is attending and who isn't and then target students not attending. All clubs are advertised on the screens around the school site.

- **Matters arising – impact of NEU Teacher Strikes**

- 44 teachers are part of NEU. 20 out on 1st March
- Years 11-13 to be in school
- Years 7-10 remote learning
- Feedback from Parents was positive. Pleased to have prior notice and plans in place.

- **New Principal and other staffing**

- Joined by Chair of Governors, Catherine Gater and Vice Chair, Gill Turner to discuss appointment of new Headteacher, Mr Sam Griffin.
- Process was transparent and fair
- Herts for Learning was used for recruitment advice
- School Improvement Partner involved
- Group of Trustees shortlisted the applicants
- Applicants interacted with staff and students. Undertook mini panels
- For 6 months Sam will be in school for 2 full days. CIE said the handover feels natural and similar values and experiences are shared with Sam
- Chris Ingate and Sam Griffin to write an article for BW News
- Sam Stopps is leaving at the end of the summer term to take up a Headteacher role in Diss

- **Roundtable** – topics Parent Council wish to raise for discussion or future meetings.

Year 7

- Not enough appointments with teachers for core subjects at Parents Evening
- A number of supply teachers who are repeating the lessons
- Boys Toilets
- Low level physical behaviour in B block corridor
- House Points – promised but do not appear on Arbor
- Lack of notice for sporting fixtures. Would be useful to know timings of collection
- Lost Property – PE kit in the Sport Hall. School uniform is kept in Reception for 6 months. The recent lost property uniform was sent to Turkey following earthquake disaster
- Will there be a residential trip?

Year 8

- Parents Evening – Positive feedback and well organised. Accessible access is an issue with teachers being in rooms upstairs. Could the Hall be used next time?
- Some have only seen an English teacher once this term
- GCSE Options – Current options page on the website is up to date
- Toilets – There are toilet cards given out during lessons. Currently all single sex toilets. New toilet block to open soon
- House Points – Reward points are not being given
- Head Injury / Illness – Is there a policy? There is a First Aid Policy. A trained medical assistant is starting at the school. PE Teachers are very good for calling parents if student is injured
- Maths Evening received positive feedback. Brilliant and very useful evening
- Non-uniform – Parents and Students pleased the next non-uniform day is full non-uniform
- Maths Teacher – One Teacher was available for first half of parents evening – is there another opportunity?
- Technology Rotations – only receive a report from one teacher. Could all rotations be added?
- Science tests are not being marked

Year 9

- Inconsistent teaching in English
- The school's policy on racism – the letter sent out to students made them feel singled out

Year 10

- English – Supply teachers for every lesson

Year 11

- Parents Evening – Finished too early
- Not enough appointments with the Science Teachers

Sixth Form

- Year 12 – Parents would have liked to be consulted on the changes to the Ski Trip from USA to Europe
- Some students have free periods from P1-P5 and then have a Twilight lesson meaning they miss bus

All

- Long Lunch Queues – Lunch been extended by 5 minutes. 4 Tills (6th formers help). Separate queues for sandwiches, pasta, hot food. New Canopy being installed
- Booking for Parents Evening to open from 7pm going forward
- Bullying is monitored by the School – parents agreed that most instances are effectively dealt with
- Homework has improved - School Council feel the homework is at the right level

- **Date of Next Meeting – Tuesday 13th June 2023**

Parent Council Members – Spring 2023

Chair: Katie Horwood

	Parent 1	Parent 2	Parent 3	Parent 4
Year 7	Lisa Rodmell	Anita Stannard	Hayley Hyatt	Amanda Anderson
Year 8	Flora Klumpler	Annika Evans	Louise Brixton	
Year 9	Charlotte Sams	Michelle Jones Boswell	Louise Cutmore	Lee Tibbey
Year 10	Tracy Baros	Michelle Gowlett	Pam Harknett	Helene Petterson
Year 11	Alison Reader	Kerry Gaulton		
Year 12	Sarah Poole	Sarah Ficken	Angela Day	

Year 13	Anne Hummersone	Tony Tyler	Alison Thomson	
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