

Parent Council Meeting Minutes

Friday 29th March 2019 – 9.00am Staff Room

Present: Jane Stacey (Squirrel); Faye Roberts (Fox) (Peacock); Saadia Choudhury (Dragonfly); Kerry Phillips (Frog); Debbie Morris (Chair); Laurie Soane (Clerk).

Apologies from – Hannah Goodliff, Rahil Butt and Joanne Crawley

Parent Council agenda

School items

1. Feedback on banners for road safety awareness, possible fund raise to purchase – Debbie said the Office have found some banners on the internet, however it has been a very busy time lately to liaise. Debbie also said that siting of the banners may be an issue in Poynings Avenue unless a resident/parent living in Poynings could be approached to display it.
2. Magic breakfast info – This hopefully will be rolled out 3 weeks after Easter. Bagels and cereal will be provided for each class.
3. Book fair comments, Book bus - There were some issues regarding siting of the book fair especially at busy times. Debbie asked if a book bus would be of benefit. The Parent Council said the children would like this.
4. School based reviews on social media – Debbie asked if it could be passed onto the parents about leaving positive reviews and share positive comments.
5. In school review on History of the page/ E-safety – Positive comments were received.
6. Parent Governor + Parent council – Debbie spoke to the Parent Council about a representative. An information pack will be put together. Faye and Jayne were both interested.
7. Rep for Health schools and PTA charitable status update – Mikaela Clements spoke to the Parents about being trustees for charitable status for the PTA. Debbie said Andrea Esp will update the Parent Council at the next meeting regarding Healthy Schools.
8. Photo opportunity No#2 for those who were unable to attend on the 1st March – To be rearranged.
9. Parent parking in the school car park – Parents have reported been parking in the school carpark in the main carpark protected by a key code. Debbie will talk to site staff.

Parent items

Squirrel class

- Each class to design an item of clothing for their teacher and have a fashion show to showcase their hard work. – There was some discussion around incorporating recycling.
- It would be helpful if the school could include some information sheets on various topics on their website. I was recently trying to find information on how to teach fractions for KS1 pupils and ended up finding the information on another schools website. – A parent tried to help their child with their homework and looked on the website for some help.
- Parents have asked if they will be able to watch their children swim again from the viewing gallery/swim gala. – Debbie said this could be a possibility although there is

a cover swim teacher in place at the moment. It was suggested parents could contribute £1 - £2 for this.

- The smartie challenge was a great success and enjoyed by many.

Heron Class

- My child enjoyed the History Off the Page day and I think it was great value for money, having specialists brought into the school instead of having to pay for travel expenses and losing time with travelling if they went on a school trip to a museum instead.
- The costume ideas sent out were clear and cheap, a real improvement on previous years (thank you for listening to feedback from Parent Council on this)
- Please could there be some more advanced notice when requesting payments for things like this? Parents possibly wouldn't feel so frustrated about having to pay for things if they knew in advance what they had to budget for. Asking for £10 with only 10 days to go until the deadline is a big ask for some families, especially when they are also paying out for other events for other children. Communication between staff and parents on these issues could be a lot more positive if this was the case.
- Similarly, my children really enjoyed dressing up for World Book Day this year, and whilst it doesn't need to cost much, some more advanced notice allows for families to organise a cheap costume (or costumes for families with more than one child at school). Could some cheap, simple ideas be sent out to parents to help them with this? For example, Book Aid International had some great videos on their YouTube channel. For those who do not want to/don't have time to make a costume, could we hold a second hand fancy dress sale a month or so before? People could donate their old costumes?
- One of the parents said that her children really enjoyed the Maths theatre the other week and found it very funny. Thank you for organising this.
- There still seem to be issues in accessing the school website through google. If you click on the link that comes up, it says that the page has not been found. – The website provider is looking into this.

Frog Class

- There has been some incidents of bad language possible Cecil Jones students between Hamstel and Rylands Road. – Debbie said she would send an email to the school.

Dragonfly

- There are reports of parents smoking directly outside the school gates when people are trying to pass by – Debbie will add a note in the news letter requesting parents be considerate of non-smokers and move away from the school gate

Next Meeting: Friday 7th June 2019 – 9.00am.