

## Agenda with Minutes Hamstel Infant School and Nursery Parent Council

**Meeting Date:** Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> May 2022 **Time:** 10.00am

**Venue:** Hamstel Infant School and Nursery - Virtual – Microsoft Teams

**Members of the group:**

Name	Class Year group	Present/ Absent
(AE) Andrea Esp	Chair	Y
(LS) Laurie Soane	Meeting Clerk	Y
(VB) Victoria Bryant	Hamstel Infant	Y
(LST) Lauren Stephens	Hamstel Infant	Y
J Anastasiou	Nursery	Y
LCarter	Nursery	Apologies
S Judd	Nursery	
L Dabson	Kingfisher	
F Kennedy	Kingfisher	Y
K McCrae	Owl	Y
L Walters	Owl	Y
S Gilbert	Peacock	
J Lewin	Peacock	
K Loads	Woodpecker	
E Lynne	Woodpecker	
R Musan	Woodpecker	
S Hatton	Dragonfly	Y
J Lewin	Duck	Apologies
K Loads	Duck	
R Musan	Duck	
L Bailey	Frog	Y
S Ollington	Frog	
S Pradhan	Newt	
S Judd	Badger	
J Mayo	Fox	Y
K Riley	Fox	
J Anastasiou	Hedgehog	Y

## Agenda

	AE – Apologies L Carter (Nursery) J Lewin (Duck)	
1.	Parent view form - Minimal responses (1) Can all Parent Councilors promote parents to fill in the form for the next meeting please. AE asked could the Parent Council share and prompt parents to fill the form in as they only have 2 questions to answer. JM said she tried to fill the form in but couldn't because it said error. AE said she would look into it. JA said some parents don't have access to website or don't check emails etc. JA suggested a hard copy be sent out to catch more parents, and suggested a note be put up on classroom door to prompt parents to access the questionnaire. LW said there was a swimming form for helpers that couldn't be filled in.	
2.	(LST) Consultation on the new (HRSE) Health and Sexual Education Policy, LST gave presentation, Policy attached to agenda and sent to all Parent Council to read in advance of this meeting. LST shared a presentation to give parents an understanding of the curriculum. KMc asked where the policy was. AE explained it was on the Parent Council group on Teams. LW asked does it start in Reception. LST replied yes however, it is modified between year groups. VB stated things crop up in children's play that they then deal with.	
3.	AOB (VB) will take over Parent Council meetings on behalf of Hamstel Infant School and Nursery, starting with the Summer 2 meeting; Starlight and Rainbow to be more included with better communication and for a parent to represent them; AE said there was a parent counsellor for the bases however, she was unable to continue. More gluten free choices at lunch (puddings); This will be raised with the kitchen. 97 parents across infants and juniors have said they would like to see an old style school fete with less bouncy castles; AE to raise in SLT. KMc said it has been discussed with the Head teachers and there is not the resources or people to run a school fete. AE said unfortunately people have other commitments. Fun run to raise money for school with children, parents and staff taking part like the superman dance; AE said the Superman Dance was not a fundraising event. AE to take it to SLT. Parents are overall pleased with the school; Parents in Duck, Peacock and Woodpecker are happy with teachers and how their children are doing; A lot of parents are concerned over the smartie challenge the juniors are doing and are wondering if infants are doing it; LW said the smartie challenge is an event held by the PTA across both schools in June/July Mother's day, father's day and Christmas sale parents would like children to pick their own gift; Some parents feel they can't approach some parent council members as they feel judged; AE said there are other forms of communication if parents feel they can't approach their Parent Council member. KMc said with class mascots not all children are getting a fair turn, some children have had it twice. VB said each class keep a record. There may have been slip ups if a child has had it more than once. They are given out weekly because it was a tight turn around sending it home daily. VB asked for feedback regarding the future of the class mascot, whether daily, weekly or be discontinued. KMc said some children are only eating bread and beans at lunchtime. AE urged any parent to contact the school individually regarding their child's eating. JM asked when will children find out what class they are going into. AE said discussions are ongoing now. Class swap Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> July will happen after half term. Parents will be informed who their child's new teacher will be. JM asked if parents are allowed to watch sports day. AE said yes, information will go on the newsletter.	

JM asked what are the dates for the Year 2 performance. VB looked in the diary, she said Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> July TBC.

JM asked about school trips and disco's. Year 2 disco Monday 21<sup>st</sup> July. School trips are resuming.

JM asked about supporting local issue regarding a recent incident. AE said it was a sad incident but as a school we can't support this as there is political involvement and legalities taking place.

LW said the reception gate is opened later and later in the morning. AE to speak to the caretakers

FK asked for more information for working parents so they can book time off. AE said they would send out as much information as they could when they know it.

FK said that volunteering for swimming can be difficult for some parents as they cannot commit to the whole year. AE said she would speak to SLT and possibly ask parent if they can commit for a term. There are other factors involved including DBS checks.

LW said volunteers don't know what days they volunteer AE said at the moment this has not been organised. Could people register their interest and it will be taken from there.

FK said are volunteers kept with their class. AE said ideally yes but sometimes they may be asked to support other classes due to volunteer shortages.

FK asked will there be any more feedback in Reception as to how their child is doing? VB said there will be written reports and an open evening to look through children's work, this is an opportunity to talk to teachers and go and meet your child's new teacher.

FK asked do classes stay with their friends. VB said it is her intention they will stay together. AE said Transition arrangements will take place to meet new staff.

FK asked why are there 2 inset days in June? AE said the Local Authority have directed schools to shut on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> June because of the extra bank holiday. There is also an INSET day in June which is part of the additional 5 INSET days we have each year. This was booked well in advance for training.

FK asked when do forms come out for lunchtime clubs. It would be helpful to have more of a description as to what the clubs are. AE will ask the office to add a description of each club.

LB asked could there be more afterschool clubs. The juniors have a lot more than the infants. AE said a lot of the junior clubs have to be paid for. AE will ask the SLT about this.

LB asked could letters and emails be sent out to both parents as some parents do not communicate. AE said we have a separated parents list for these circumstances. Parents can contact the office and arrange to be added this.

LB said parking is an issue. Parents with buggies and wheelchairs can't get around cars parked on pavements. AE to ask the office to send out a reminder in the newsletter about sensible parking. Unfortunately, as a school we have no jurisdiction outside the school gates.

JA said there have been a lot of changes in nursery staff. Children need consistency. Some parents have been unsettled by this. It would be good to have more notice of staff leaving, AE said unfortunately there have been staff changes. There is now more consistency and permanent staff in place.

VB asked would the Parent Council like to meeting person next time. The majority agreed in person would be beneficial.

VB also asked what day would be best for people as it has been generally been on Thursday. VB was only able to do the next meeting on the last day of term so it was agreed Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> July at 9.00am after drop off.

FK asked where would meetings take place. AE said in the Conference room.

	Date of next meeting: Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> July 2022 9.00am	
4.	<b>Summary of Actions</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Parent Council to promote filling in the Parent View form.</li> <li>• AE to ask the kitchen about more gluten free choices for puddings</li> <li>• AE to speak to the caretakers about opening the gates earlier in the morning.</li> <li>• AE to speak to SLT about swimming volunteer's commitment</li> <li>• AE to speak to SLT about after school clubs</li> <li>• AE to ask the office to add a description for each lunchtime club.</li> <li>• Reminder in the newsletter about sensible parking.</li> </ul>	