

Parent Voice Meeting

Run by parents, for parents

Minutes from Parent Voice meeting 7pm IPCS date: 17/4/18

Attendees:

Parents – 12

Parent Governor – 2

Staff – Head

Guest Speaker – 1 Chair of Governor

Any parent Carer who put forward items for the agenda who could not attend - 1

Agenda:

1. Review of minutes from last meeting
2. Matters Arising
3. Schools Future
4. Mufti Day – Football kit
5. Policies – To be reviewed (Complaints policy)
6. AOB –

Review of minutes

Happy with feedback from previous minutes

Matters Arising

None – all agreed.

School future – Creating a Multi Academy Trust

Mrs Alison (Head) & Mrs Lea (Chair of Governors) joined for this part of the meeting.

Some questions were raised by a few parents; the first was a rough time scale. Its proposed to be by end of the calendar year but realistic date is 12 months from now (April 2019).

There are many advantages over becoming an Academy and partnering with Bozeat Primary and Wollaston Secondary, there shouldn't be any change to day to day schooling and staff.

More financially stable in a partnership (sharing cost, training and information between schools). With the issues with Northamptonshire council its best to be ahead of the game and have no rush to become an academy so we can have full control over our terms and conditions of creating and becoming a partnership with the other schools. There will be access to special support for students which will be funded and controlled from the partnership.

Terms including priority from Irchester and Bozeat to feed into Wollaston Secondary, assuring there is always a head teacher in the primary schools, a centralised information database to ease transitions for school moves from primary to secondary.

There will be an equal partnership between the MAT irrelevant of the school size (Wollaston Secondary will not take the lead on decisions as they are bigger than us) and each school will not loose their identity regarding name and uniform.

We could also have joint Parent Voice and FIPS meeting to get new ideas and thought from outside our school and see how they do things differently.

Full T and C's have been requested to be viewed by parent voice before they are passed to the MAT partnership for approval.

Mufti Day – Football kits

All agreed a trial Mufti day should be run allowing children to wear what they want including football kit, as the school views on Values it should be up to the children – encouraging tolerance and differences. It was suggested an assembly to be arranged before the event advising that a zero tolerance of teasing another child about what they are wearing is unacceptable.

Policies – To be reviewed (Complaints policy)

Happy with current policy

Please can we get the flow chart (Created by Parent Voice – see below) to be attached to the current complaints policy.

AOB

Return date in September is Tuesday 4th September with a teacher training day on Monday 3rd.

After school club was discussed, this needs to be a third-party business and will need to discuss the logistics' of this with Mrs Alison and Wendy Austyn (School business manager). We have had some details of a company set up for after school clubs handed to the school which will need to be looked at in detail and we will be advised further if this is feasible. The details will be forwarded to Mrs Alison and Wendy Austyn.

Year 1 have missed out on a school trip in foundation stage and also this year, this will be looked at to see if something can be arranged.

The Phonics session that was held by Miss Haygate was highly praised.

To discuss in the next meeting - Review of current web site

Photos of Governors/Staff on the web site

Stats from Web site, who's looking at what and how often etc

Uniform Policy

What to do, as a parent, if I have a question/query/issue or complaint about my child's education

STEP 1 – contact your child's class teacher or Mrs Thom (family link worker) to discuss your concern immediately

You can do this in person, leave a message at the school office, via the telephone or on the schools website 'contact us' section by e-mailing a message addressed to the person you wish to contact. Mrs Thom has a direct e-mail - <mailto:acornsuite.irchester.northants@dbprimary.com>



STEP 2 - If you feel that a situation has not been resolved through contact with the class teacher, or that your concern is of a sufficiently serious nature, you should make an appointment to discuss it with the Deputy Head Teacher (Mrs Loasby) or the Head Teacher (Mrs Alison)

You can do this in person, leave a message at the school office, via the telephone 01933 353848 or on the schools website 'contact us' section by e-mailing a message addressed to the person you wish to contact



STEP 3 - Should you have a complaint about the Head Teacher, you should first make an informal approach to meet with the chair of governors – Mrs Julie Lea

You can do this in person at the school by leaving a message at the school office or via the telephone 01933 353848 for her to contact you



STEP 4 - Only if an informal complaint fails to resolve the matter should a formal complaint be made to the governing body. This complaint must be made in writing, stating the nature of the complaint and how the school has handled it so far

You should send the written complaint stating the nature of your complaint and the resolution you desire to the: Chair of Governors, c/o Irchester Community Primary School, School Lane, Irchester NN29 7AZ