

Parents Voice Minutes

Meeting 12th and 13th November 2013

ATTENDEES:

11 Parents

1 Parent Governor

1 Vice Chair of Governors

Minutes from previous meeting

Agreed as a true representation of the meeting and approved.

Matters arising

One parent from the evening meeting (12th Nov) highlighted that the reply email at the bottom of parent mail was not working, possible just due to a decimal place in the email address. **ACTION - Jo Thom to mention to the office.**

Request made at the morning meeting (13th Nov) that parent names be removed from the minutes that are posted to the website. **ACTION – names to be removed and numbers to be included as above.**

AGENDA:

1. Enhanced PE and Sports Provision – Mrs Loasby
2. Maths Workshops
3. Seeing is Believing Tours
4. School Phone Communication
5. Accelerated Reading Volunteers
6. School Photo re-takes
7. Parent Log-ins to DBPrimary
8. AOB

Enhanced PE and Sports Provision

Mrs Loasby showed everyone a flyer containing all clubs currently active in the school and explained some of the next steps in sports provision for the school. **ACTION – a copy to be posted to the parent voice tab of the website with these minutes.**

A parent requested more choice for lunch time clubs for those children that are unable to attend after school clubs. Mrs Loasby explained some of the restrictions and challenges faced with lunch time clubs however did say that the school would love to put more clubs on where possible and are striving to do so. Any help overcoming these would be appreciated so that more lunch time clubs could be made available.

Mrs Loasby also explained how the school are very aware that KS1 don't have as many clubs as KS2 and this was also being addressed, with staff currently being trained (using PE funding

as part of staff development) in new skills such as Yoga Bugs focusing on stretching, relaxing and team games for the younger ones as an example.

Also Mr Roberts from Wollaston Secondary School has been visiting every other week to show our teachers and pupils new PE / competition skills for KS2 children, and some of year 2. One week Mr Roberts takes a class of children, with a member of staff observing and the following week our member of staff takes the class.

The following new clubs were discussed as good ideas:

- Jigsaw / puzzle club
- Lego Club
- Bowling Club
- Mums Badminton Club
- Chess Club

Various parents at the meeting volunteered to help or contribute to the set-up of these clubs.

ACTION - Mrs Loasby took names and will be in touch re timings and next steps. A BIG THANKYOU to these parents.

Cluster School Competitions were discussed and everyone agreed ICPS students would benefit from a team T Shirt or something similar. Mrs Loasby has already started the ball rolling with this and has found some old t-shirts labelled as ICPS Basketball that could possibly be adapted for use as spare shirts as well as a Trophy cabinet to display sporting awards and help celebrate our children's successes.

With regard to external competitions Mrs Loasby will try to ensure letters to parents are sent out sooner so more notice is given, and also let children know which event they will be competing in once they arrive at the venue.

Mrs Loasby also discussed the need to have two sports days. A house team based one as is traditional at school, but also more competitive sports days with other schools for the more talented sports pupils. This then allows the talented children to compete more formally but also allows all other pupils to take part in a sports day as well.

Maths Workshops

The school are happy to put on some maths workshops. Parents to collate what they would like from these workshops and for what year groups. Previous successful workshops were discussed and it was agreed that for new parents, knowing what is needed is difficult.

ACTION – Sara Willmott to start drafting a proposal based on parent feedback.

Seeing is Believing Tours

Seeing is Believing Tours have now started and feedback has been positive. Parents discussed how nice it was to have these back as they have always been good before.

School Phone Communication

The School phone number should now be displayed on incoming calls.

Accelerated Reading Volunteers

Parents discussed that a good number of parents attended the Accelerated Reading training and have volunteered to help children swap books and supervise quiz taking before and after school. Of course, more volunteers are always appreciated. If anyone is interested in volunteering they should contact the school office.

School Photo re-takes

Following feedback on the Parent Forum, the school have arranged for Tempest to come back to school to re-take any photos that parents request through the office. This received positive feedback although some parents had already ordered theirs by the time this was done.

A parent asked if Tempest would always come back for re-takes as standard. Governors advised that they suspect it will be subject to feedback at the time.

Parents discussed what could be done to make the original sessions better. One suggestion was spreading the photos over two days so that it wasn't so rushed, giving more time to relaxing the children.

Parent Logins DBPrimary

Jo Thom advised that a parent had asked on the Parent Forum if parent logins would be made available. Jo advised that it was being investigated regarding how feasible it is but it may not be possible.

AOB

Policies for Review

All parents in attendance volunteered to review the following two policies and provide feedback for the next Parent Voice meeting:

- Whole School Food Policy
- Off Site Educational visit Policy

ACTION – Jo Thom to email copies to parents.

Year One Cake Sale / Assembly / Children in Need Cake Sale confusion

Parents discussed the confusion over the two cake sales and whether the Year one assembly was both classes, or just 1RB. **ACTION – revised parentmail to be sent to clarify.**

Advent Raffle

Parents feedback was that the pricing for the advent raffle was quite expensive and higher than it used to be. **Action – comments to be fed back to FICPS**

School Plays

Some parents said they were disappointed that years 1 and 2 were not doing a school play this Xmas. All discussed that Years 1 and 2 would have the opportunity later in the school year.

Parent Voice Tab on website

Parents commented how good it was to have the tab on the website working again and have found it useful.

Foundation Stage Sponsored Pedal

A Parent expressed concerns over the need to raise money for school playground materials to paint new games/counting snakes on the foundation playground. All discussed the positive intension to raise money in time for current foundation children to enjoy the outcome of their fabulous pedalling!

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