

Minutes of the Parent Forum Meeting - 16 May 2017

Present:

Staff		Parent	Child(ren) in Year
Jon Lawson (JL)	Deputy Principal	Kelly Castelete	8 & 10
Andy Burton (AB)	Principal	Stacey Hill	10
Sue Johnson (SJ)	Senior Administrator	Louise Neal	7 & 8
		Ana Pereira	9
		Kenny Muir	10

Apologies: Tina Collins, Esther Gray

1 Matters Arising

Showcasing sports: Matt Gamble, Head of PE, is using twitter to invite parents to sporting fixtures.

Reports: Lisa Hedges is re-formatting the reports to include more information.

Parents' Evenings: At future Parents' Evenings the Atrium area will be maximised to improve privacy and spacing.

Academy Advisory Council: Congratulations were passed to Stacey Hill who has joined the AAC.

Showcasing students' work: An update is required. JL to speak to DC/TE.

2 Uniform consultation

Greenwood Dale is consulting with all Academies within the Trust about the introduction in September 2018 of blazers as part of our uniform. Feedback from the Trust is that the jumpers are untidy and do not wash and wear well. Topics of discussion were:

Introduction of compulsory blazer: The Forum agreed to a phased introduction of blazer to be worn at all times unless hot. The blazer would be compulsory for the incoming Year 7 students.

Colour of blazer with logo: The Forum felt that a black blazer would best match the rest of the uniform.

Colour of optional jumper with logo: The options for jumpers are black, navy or charcoal. It was agreed that charcoal would look best if worn under the blazer. This colour would be worn by all year groups.

Purchase of blazer: Options for parents to source own blazer and purchase and sew our logo badge onto the top pocket or to purchase a blazer, embroidered with badge, from our uniform supplier. This would be the costlier option, however parents would be given the choice.

Purchase of jumper: Parents to purchase direct from our uniform supplier.

Design of badge: After discussion about the options (a GAT badge, a shield badge or our original KSA badge) the Forum decided they would prefer the Kingswood badge to enable students to maintain a sense of identity and belonging.

The results of the Kingswood consultation are:

Senior Leadership Team: Agreed to a generic blazer with GAT badge

Student Forum: Agreed to a black blazer with Kingswood badge.

Parent Forum: Agreed to a black blazer with Kingswood badge and grey optional jumper with logo.

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Students on the Pupil Premium register will be assisted with the cost where appropriate. The PE uniform would remain the same. A commissioned reward tie to be introduced – dark blue with a silver or gold stripe.

3 Agenda ideas for next academic year

To assist the Forum with ideas for agenda ideas for the next academic year, JL listed a number of topics the Forum had been instrumental in helping the Academy to improve. He also explained about individual Senior Leadership Responsibilities.

It was agreed to include the following items on the agendas for the next academic year:

Behaviour – to include how the Academy deals with constant low level disruption and how it encourages and rewards good behaviour.

Celebration – Kelly Castelete offered ideas to celebrate the Academy including; a student survey to establish what they believe is positive and to continue to use Twitter as a tool to notify parents.

Newsletter – it was agreed to use this item as the main topic of the next meeting and to invite Eve Ratcliffe who is responsible for the newsletter.

Homework and MILK

4 Comments from Tina Collins who was unable to attend

MILK – not all teachers are publishing homework, MILK is awkward to use and not the best layout- tem added to future agenda.

Canteen – long queues, other members of the Forum agreed with this comment - agreed best dealt with by Student Council.

Bad behaviour disrupting lessons - this topic to be an agenda item next year.

Parking issues outside the Academy - unfortunately the Academy has no jurisdiction out on the road, the Police are in attendance quite regularly and JL often runs Road Safety Assemblies. Senior staff do patrol, supervising and directing as appropriate.

Date and time of the next meeting

The date of the next meeting is Tuesday 4 July 2017 at 5.30pm. The main item on the agenda will be the Newsletter.