

MINUTES PARENT COUNCIL MEETING FRIDAY MAY 8TH 2PM

Present : Ms Quest, Rachel Hathaway (Topaz), Polly Jones (Emerald), Jacqui Howes, Sarah Quick, Rebecca Woodward (Sapphire and Pearl), Tracy Ryder (Pearl), Juliet Jones (Diamond) and Kay Dalton (Amethyst)

Apologies : Sonia Cronin (Crystal)

Education Trust : Tracy Ryder and Jacqui Howes have joined with Juliet Jones as trustees and attended their last meeting. Plan to encourage 6th form students to apply for grants for books etc to support their further education a half page advert will appear in The Village Games programme.

Car Parking : There is still considerable concern with traffic at school drop off and collection times.

- inappropriate use of the drop off zone
- excessive speed of traffic near school
- inconsiderate parking causing concern to local residents
- dangerous parking causing reduced access and visibility around the school.

The parish council have placed strips across the road leading to the school and Inglestone Road to monitor the volume and speed of the traffic around the school.

The Highway Agency have been in to speak to the Governors. Greater than 24 mph is required for speed humps. Recorded speeds averaged 21.4 mph so it is likely will be improved road signage and road markings to restrict parking, particularly on the corners of Honeybourne Way to improve visibility. Local residents will be consulted and if in favour a plan will be forwarded to the school.

Parish Council are in receipt of a travel plan which was submitted in 2006 and Alexander Hosea is one of the priority schools for this. A bid will need to be placed for next year.

South Glos Council prior to the election were aiming for 20mph limit around all schools but this may change in the new political climate.

It was suggested could be raised as part of the new parent induction evening.

Parent Council Newsletter : Ms Quest thanked creation of newsletter that was e-mailed to all parents/ carers.

Strategic Planning Consultation : good variety of responses to the questionnaire issued at parents evening. Suggested experiences requested by parents included:

- Plays, concerts, roll play and choir performances to improve confidence
- Encouragement and development of leadership skills
- Sport opportunities for all ability levels to have the opportunity to represent the school.
- Realistic competition through sport to reflect life
- Residential trips

- Variety of sports e.g golf
- Range of trips offered e.g theatres ,science trips, journeys on public transport e.g trains
- Experience days
- Social interaction for example charity days
- Closer interactions with secondary schools

The next stage will be to take these ideas along with those from governors, staff and children to formulate the strategic plan.

Consider a “ YOU SAID...WE DID “ board

Engineering Week

Great success and greatly enjoyed by all involved. Cemex sponsored workshops for the children to build and programme robots.

School Website

This is in the process of being updated to be more accessible to parents. Currently there are areas that are difficult to access. This is the first point of contact for many prospective new parents and children. A provider has been appointed.

Parent Agenda Items :

- Flips on the bars of the play equipment – several children have been told they are not allowed to do this as it is dangerous
- It was asked if there was a rota for use of the play equipment as it is felt by some of the younger children that they are being kept off by the older children
- Upper juniors homework grid – it was raised that a lot of the children and parents feel that they haven’t received any feedback from the class teachers about the homework that has been submitted and there is no feedback if it hasn’t been completed. It was discussed that this has been a trial of a new initiative.
- Playground equipment and resources. There used to be a trolley of equipment for use in the outdoor classroom and this needs replenishing so a request for resources that may no longer be needed at home could be brought into school for use here e.g puzzles, crayons, paper
- school dinners. It was generally felt these have been revised and improved. There seems to be a wider variety of veggie options and puddings have improved. It was noticed when a parent lunch was taking place that a manager was talking to children eating packed lunches to poll their opinion