

Subject Parent Council Minutes Term 2 2016/17

Date of Meeting 25th November 2016 at 2pm

Present Valerie Quest (Headteacher)
Becky Woodward (Pearl and Amethyst)
Rachel Hathaway (Jet)
Tracy Brough (Emerald)

Apologies Antonia Clausen (Diamond and Jet)
Sarah Quick (Pearl and Amethyst)
Jacqui Howes (Pearl)
Sarah Spencer (Topaz and Amethyst)
Kerry Widera (Crystal)

Agenda Item	Description	Action
3. Minutes of last meeting	No comments on previous minutes	
4. Matters arising	<p><u>Barrier</u>: A reminder to parents not to block the path by congregating between the barrier and the upper gate is being included in class newsletters.</p> <p><u>Funky Punk payments and performances</u>: Ms Quest has emailed Dan from Funky Punk. Becky noted that parents have received a nice progress report from the organiser.</p> <p><u>Pamela Relph</u>: The Paralympian 2x gold medallist rower will be visiting the school in March for Accessible Sports Week.</p> <p><u>Sports kit</u>: Following comments about the girls' football team kit, Ms Quest has been in touch with Initially Yours to obtain samples. She showed us the blue and white top, shorts and socks provided by the company. Everyone agreed these looked very smart and comfortable. They will feature the school's branding when the full kit is supplied.</p> <p><u>Release of children at the end of the day</u>: Ms Quest has discussed the late release of children with staff, who have pointed out that it takes time to sort out which children need to be where and make sure they have the equipment and clothing they need – particularly on Wednesdays, when several after-school clubs run. Tracy reported that children seem to have been let out earlier in the past two weeks. It was</p>	VQ

proposed that children going home could be prepared and let out first, before club children are dealt with, to allow parents more time to get their children to out of school activities such as gym or swimming.

Home learning in lower juniors:

Ms Quest has discussed home learning in lower juniors with the teaching staff concerned. They would like to reassure parents that the home learning is looked at and feedback is given by teachers and peers.

5. Parent agenda items None noted.

6. Celebrations and positive feedback Topaz class
Positive feedback has been received from parents regarding the introduction to Topaz class delivered by Mrs Windmill and Ms Johns.

Homework

Positive feedback has also been received from parents regarding the homework that is set, and how it is tailored to individual students' needs.

Athletics at KLB

The school team came third overall and had the opportunity to take part in some field events that they would not normally be able to try - well done to them!

County football

Three girls from the school have been chosen for the South Gloucestershire girls' football team - what a great achievement for them!

Lifebus

The children once again enjoyed the visit from the Lifebus.

School sign

It was mentioned that the new school sign at the upper gate looks very smart, and is a great improvement on the old sign. Ms Quest said that this is all part of the consistent school branding that she is implementing, and that after Christmas the school is going to trial using the upper gate as the main entrance in the mornings. It is felt this is the most appropriate entry point as it is by the school sign, and will hopefully alleviate congestion by the small playground entrance gate.

7. Tom Robson feedback Feedback on the Aspiration week talk by Tom Robson has been very positive. Tracy and Becky reported that their children had been enthused and energised by Tom's messages, and Ms Quest noted that this was the case in the wider school community as well. The children enjoyed sharing their career aspirations through the dress-up day, and there was a lot of variety in the careers on display. They also enjoyed having parents coming in to discuss their jobs, and asked their visitors some probing questions!
8. School Gate Run There has not been a great uptake yet for the proposed School Gate Run. The school is also looking into doing the Daily Mile - allowing the children the opportunity of exercise before starting their lessons. This has had good results in other schools.
9. AOB
- Payment options for school trips
Rachel asked whether parents could pay an upfront sum for the year to assist families in budgeting for school trip expenses. Ms Quest noted that the SIMS Agora system allows lump sums to be added, and will find out about whether regular monthly payments can be set up to cover such expenses. This system cannot be used for one-off dress-up days where the children are asked to bring £1 for charity. Lisa or Leslie in the office can assist parents who need to find out how to get set up on the system.
- Start of school day
Rachel asked when the classroom for Jet class should be open, as they often seem to be the last class in, which can be frustrating for parents who need to get to work. Ms Quest confirmed that there will be a member of staff at the gate to the big playground at 8.50am, and the classroom will be open at 8.55am. Becky noted that the older children's classrooms are open earlier because they are able to get themselves organised without help.
10. Next meeting dates and time Term 3 - Friday 20th January, 2pm

