



Parents Forum Minutes

Friday 14th June 2019

Present: Sharan Watson, Nichola Stephens, Rachel Thompson (minutes), Claire Swanepoel, Michelle Ellis, Sian Wood, Vicki Hockey, Sarah Dagley, Lou Lawton

Liz Walker (Chair/Governor), Sue Rainbow (Head of School)

Apologies: Laura Pearson, Marie Miller

1. Review of Previous Minutes/Actions

Agreed correct.

SR followed up on the car park and parking concerns from previous meeting.

Hump is to be installed inside school gate to slow traffic down as it comes into carpark. This is especially important in mornings for drop off at Breakfast Club.

2. More notice to be given for school events.

LW stated that it was school that organises it and it is published on school calendar.

Sporting events were sent on a School Partnership poster in advance for parents to see events over year. **School sports calendar could be put on WEDUC to assist with this.**

It was suggested that some parents may be looking in wrong places to access the information. **A reminder from school to check events may be needed.**

Year 6 provided a calendar at start of year. **Other staff members could send a similar list out at start of terms.**

Fathers' Day – A new event this term. Feedback from parents that there was very short notice before the event. SR stated that it was a very well attended event. SW found the message sent via WEDUC on 24th May. It was concluded that notice had been given for the event.

3. Do classes in KS2 have an afternoon break? If not, why not?

SR explained that although a break is a requirement in KS1 it isn't in KS2. The afternoon session is 13.05 until 15.15. Brain breaks and outdoor learning opportunities were built into lessons. Year 3 was given as an example.

4. Is changing of shoes being implemented by all staff?

A query was put forward as to why there wasn't consistency across the school. Some children were coming home with unworn indoor shoes. SR reiterated that indoor pumps and black shoes for outdoors should be worn by all children. However, during the Summer Term the weather is better and so changing of shoes is not as important as in the winter.

Consistency across the school and Key Stages to be looked at by SR.

5. Snacks available to buy at school.

A parent expressed a concern that a message has already been sent out to parents about snacks. Healthy options only should be brought into school. The issue for discussion was why unhealthy snacks are being sold to children from kitchen. SR explained that it is a long-standing tradition at school.

Prices are - 35p drink and 25p cake.

It was suggested that it is good for independence and children enjoyed the experience.

SR to investigate how many children buy cakes from kitchen.

Also a concern was raised that money was being taken (by older children). Lost money was an issue for a couple of parents. SR to investigate this across school.

Could cakes be offered on a Friday only? Rather than every day. Feedback needed for next meeting.

6. No Parent Race on Sports Day

There wasn't a Parent Race this year. Parents were free to choose if they join in in previous years, it wasn't obligatory. Unknown about at Parent Race next year.

7. Year 6 lunchboxes are not being monitored and some contain nuts.

SR explained that Year 6 lunchboxes are monitored. An incident had previously been dealt with. Parents were contacted after this incident and there have been no issues since. Lunchboxes continue to be monitored at lunchtime.

8. Walking Bus

This used to be available for Willesley children but it stopped a long time ago. There is a big need for it to return, according to parents. LW and SR explained it would require lots of volunteers to run the walking bus as well as resources such as training and Hi-Vis jackets.

Could it be set up again? SR put forward the issue of Health and Safety with such an idea.

Parking was also discussed and decided that it was not too bad in many roads around school. Packington Nook Lane is the problem and has been dealt with many times in past.

Parents questioned if the Police could be contacted again. It was suggested that the Purple Parliament could also assist in monitoring it. Could parent volunteers do anything to help? **SR to look into Purple Parliament involvement with this.**

9. Pre-School Update

SR shared information about this.

- The new Pre-School has been approved by the Trust.
- It will be a new build as the old building will cost too much to renovate.
- The building will be similar to the Treetops building, have solar panels and 2 rooms. There will be a community area and generate revenue from hire.
- It can also be used by school in similar way that The Studio is used.
- It will be a 30 place nursery and this will make Willesley the only school in Ashby with a nursery on site.
- Attendance at nursery will not guarantee a place at Willesley School.
- The timescale for this project is for it to be finished by January.
- It will have keypad entry so that Mr Smart isn't required to be around for all lettings.
- It will also have links for Breakfast Club so that Breakfast Club can increase in size as there is a big demand at the moment.

10. AOB

Ofsted

- One day inspection
- Expected that school remains Good.
- It was noted that children were polite, engaged and respectful.
- It was only a one day inspection so overall grading can't be improved on until a full inspection.

Circus and Summer Fair Extravaganza

RT (on behalf of WASPs) thanked everyone for their support at circus event. Great feedback was given on day and since the event. The parents and staff who volunteered their time were thanked as their continued support ensured the event was a success.

Earwig

A parent raised a concern that annual downloads of earwig cost £12 but there had only been one photo of their child all year. SR stated that Earwig was a useful tool and still being used within school. It is time consuming for staff. Teachers had taken a step back from it and TAs were more involved with it now. Useful for school trips and group photos rather than individual photos.

A safeguarding issue was highlighted as the pictures should not be taken live and instantly uploaded. It was agreed that Earwig was not a tool for parents but a bonus to receive the images of their children. **School to advise parents about this.**

LW finished as Chairperson for Parent Forum.

Next Meeting: TBC