

Meeting of the Parent Council

Held on Friday 19th October 2018 @ 1.30pm

Minutes: Vanessa Lott

1. Apologies

- To receive and accept apologies for absence.
- Attended: Vanessa Lott, Gemma Robbens, Sue Martin, Jenny Ashley-Jones (Head), Stella Collins (Deputy), Alan Rogers (Chair of Governors)
- Apologies: Vikki Levey, Natalia Harrison, Stacey Stanford, Sharon Burford, Emma Higgins, Sarah Poole.
- Mette Mewett has stepped down from the Council this year, we thanked her for her contribution.

2. Minutes of the previous meeting

- To review progress on the action points. Minutes agreed at the last meeting.
- Vanessa read through the minutes.
- Using both gates to exit the school has been reviewed, there are concerns for safeguarding if both are open so we will continue with one.
- The PTFA has agreed that money raised this year will be put toward a mini bus for the school to use.
- Jenny has met with other schools to look into how they manage their enrichment day programme, it has been agreed that they will link to the curriculum and will increase in 2018/19

3. Patrol Crossing vacancy

- The vacancy is still open.
- There has been an application from a potentially suitable candidate, who has relevant experience
- Jenny will be interviewing the candidate at the earliest opportunity.
- Should this person be successful they will be required to complete relevant training with KCC before they can start and be DBS checked.

4. Car drop off at main gate

- Parent feedback has noticed an increase in the number of parents pulling up at the front gate to drop off, this is causing problems for pedestrians on the already busy pavement.
- It was discussed that this may be a result of not having a crossing patrol person but could increase as other parents see it and copy.
- A reminder will go in the news letter
- Mr Grainger will be asked to re-direct parents in the future to reduce the number of people doing it.
- There was a good response to the recent question for a walking bus to school and park and stride initiative, both of these could reduce the traffic in the area at key school times.

5. Parent Council section of the website
 - The picture of Mette needs to be removed, all other pics are up to date.
 - New meeting dates need to be added and minutes from 2015 to be removed and replaced with current notes.

6. Parent Council
 - From discussion of the website a wider conversation about the Parent Council started as we are missing representation from Year R, Year 2 and Year 5
 - Alan suggested that a short overview of the meeting should be put in the newsletter to raise awareness with a section about what the parent council is for.
 - Alan asked why we wanted to join the parent council. Vanessa said that she had wanted a voice in the school that her daughter attends, to have an input into decisions and the direction of the school.
 - It was agreed that if parent council members know anyone who might be interested in joining we would approach them.
 - Ideally looking for 2 representatives from each year group.
 - Getting feedback from other parents continues to present challenges, Jenny and Stella agreed to:
 - Put a post out on Class Dojo prior to the meeting encouraging parents to speak to their representative
 - Place an anonymous comment box for people to share feedback
 - Put a post in the school FB group and any closed school groups we have access to.

7. Impact of Ofsted report on the school
 - Jenny and Stella both confirmed that they intend to stay with the school following the inspection, there is still things that they want to improve. This was asked following questions from current parents and comments made on social media.
 - We discussed the possible risk that new parents will assume the school is going to be over subscribed and not put Reculver as first choice.
 - There has been a significant increase in the number of 2019 parents attending open mornings.
 - Jenny will put a school post on social media to encourage people to put Reculver as a first choice if they like the school, many new parents think there are catchment areas and restrictions to choices.
 - There is no additional funding available from KCC to schools that have achieved Outstanding ratings

8. AOB
 - Agreed dates for reaming meetings this year:
 - 14/12/18
 - 15/02/19
 - 26/4/19
 - 28/6/19

 - Alan asked if the council felt it was useful to have a School Governor attend the meetings, it was felt that it was mutually beneficial. We will continue to invite a

representative to future meetings. Alan said that he had found the meeting helpful as it reiterated messages that he gets from Jenny and Stella, there is value having another route of direct contact with parents.