

Parent Council Meeting 14th April 2016

Attendees:

Setting aims of the parent council group

JL discussed the format for the parent council meeting. What would parents like the parent council to be like?

Parents asked for items to be on the agenda in advance so they know what will be discussed. It was decided that a suggestions box would be located in reception for parents to use before the agenda is decided to pass on any ideas or comments for discussion. These will be included in the agenda.

Agenda to be released one week in advance before the meeting.

The group decided that morning meetings are better as more parents can attend. The meetings are to be on the first Tuesday of every month, unless this date coincides with the start of term or school events.

The agenda will be available from reception the week before; parents will be notified by text. Minutes of the meeting will be available on the school website.

Previous meeting will be discussed at the next parent council as a standing agenda item.

Parents decided to keep the name Parent Council.

The group discussed and agreed the following ground rules:

- Respect other people's opinions at all times
- Confidentiality – Names and personal information will not be shared outside of the group.
- Don't talk over each other

The group decided to add more ground rules at the next meeting to give time to think about these.

Breakfast Club

The group discussed the proposed changes that have been proposed for breakfast club at length.

The reasons were explained to the group, and that it was becoming a safeguarding issue that some children cannot be accepted in to breakfast club as it is full.

Some of the concerns were raised regarding booking in as some families are not always aware of shift patterns until short notice. Parents were concerned about the cost.

Parents also asked what breakfast they will receive for the cost of the £1.

Parents asked if more volunteers would help keep the group running as it is.

Staff said that the breakfast club is non-profit making and is run at a cost to school. We have decided to run breakfast club this way to keep the number of places and at a very low cost of £1 compared to other breakfast club services provided in the area.

The group decided that they would see how the first few weeks went to see if it affected numbers and review it.

The group decided that they would review the change of breakfast club at the next meeting and see how it went. The next meeting has been amended to the 10th May due to the breakfast club changes starting on the 3rd May.

Website

A parent raised concerns about photos being able to be downloaded from the website. Staff responded that all photos are purposefully resized to the smallest possible size and the lowest possible quality so this deters anyone from printing them out. That's why we ask for parents' permission to put photographs on the website.

Attendance

Parents are concerned that the termly raffle is unfair. They would like termly certificates to be sent out and children with a 100% attendance to have an end of the year award/treat.

A parent provided an estimate for the cost of a coach to Cleethorpes and suggested that all parents with children at 100% pay for the trip. Another parent suggested books, vouchers or cheaper/free treat such as birds of prey/caving bus.

These suggestions will be passed on to student council for discussion at their next meeting.

Date and time of next meeting: 3rd May 2016