

Parent Council Meeting
10th March 2017

1. The group reviewed the minutes from the last meeting. Parents think that the parking has improved since the last meeting. The sensory room is not on the website yet however this is being developed.

Staff thanked parents for the support with the Genuine Partnerships we have received some lovely feedback.

Meadow View mates is working well and the children are enjoying their new roles.
2. Catering survey – Two Sheffield Hallam students presented the group with a short survey regarding catering in schools. Parents were happy to complete the forms for them.

A suggestion was raised in the parent's suggestion box that children's packed lunches for free school meals children are not big enough for the children. This prompted a discussion around what children are given for their lunches. School is not responsible for the selection of items that go in to the pack lunch this is decided by RMBCs catering services and the kitchen staff are allocated a budget to produce a packed lunch per child. Staff said they can ask for choice of sandwiches to be added to the trip letters but we cannot change the content of the lunches. Some parents felt the lunches were good value and had a good choice of fruit etc.
3. Feedback from school council

This was a report presented to the PC about what activities the School council had been working on this term. They have been discussing child mental health week and kindness week had been promoted throughout school. They have been evaluating reading at home and children have suggested working on bigger feelings next half term.

Parents we happy with the feedback.
4. Reading promotion

Staff asked how the reading promotion had been received by parents? This has been organised to promote reading at home to children after discussion in staff meetings and School Council meetings. A parent said that it was unfair to only reward one child per class for taking part. Staff said we did not have a budget to reward all the children. However parent suggested that the reward was a free one ie extra Dojo points or an extra play time or disco? Mention children's names on the website? Maybe a prize per class for the most reading achieved that term? Reward could be for a book for the class to read together.

Parents also raised the point about not all parents are strong readers and maybe there are other methods of reading a story together?

Maybe there are some aps for the ipads or arrange a meeting to support parents with reading?

A parent suggested that on CBeebies at night they read a bedtime story so maybe they could watch that together instead?

Staff thought these were all great ideas and would look at what could be organised in the future.

5. End of the School Day

We have received a complaint regarding the Winterhill children that come on site to collect other siblings from school. The Senior Leadership team are aware of this and are dealing with it. We have been in contact with Winterhill School and we have spoken to parents of the children that are on our site.

We are prepared to ban children from the site in the future if the behaviour continues to be a problem, however we do not want to penalise children who are sensible when collecting siblings. This prompted discussion around how to manage the situation. Parents suggested that only children collecting siblings should be on site, they could be issued a pass so they are able to come on site? They suggested that all children from Y3 and above are released from school and parents have to meet them at the top of the drive? For school to continue to send texts and letters home regarding certain individuals.

The Senior Leadership team will continue to monitor the situation and feedback at the next meeting.