

Hawthorn School Parent Forum Meeting 14|MINUTES

Date | Tuesday 13th June 2017

Location | Hawthorn School Community Room

Time | 7.00pm – 8.30pm

PRESENT: Lisa Hall (Chairperson)
Julie Clubley (Headteacher)
Jackie Brookes
Gail Young

APOLOGIES: Chris Turner
Anna Frost
Dan Freeland

- **Review of last meeting's minutes**

- Read and everyone agreed with them.
- Discussion about whether Julia Bradbury still wants to be part of the group. LH to email and check with her.

- **Residential Trips**

- Due to increasing pressure from some parents the school is currently looking into the possibility of running a residential trip again for Years 5 & 6.
- There has not been a trip for the past few years, since there was widespread sickness (students and teachers) on a trip a few years ago.
- Issues with staffing, as although there are members of staff willing to accompany the trip there is no-one who has the experience of running the trip; therefore this falls to JC. The trip will therefore need to be an 'off the peg' trip, as there is not enough time to plan and organize a trip otherwise.
- This will obviously reflect in the price; which will be somewhere in the region of £300 Monday to Friday for a trip to the Isle of Wight; hotel based; run by a company called 'Activity Island'.
- Recognised that the cost would be prohibitive to some; also a quick turn around means less time for parents to save up.
- Not fully funded for Pupil Premium students.
- School is hoping to embed the trip into the calendar for future years.
- May need to fill the trip with Year 3 & 4 students, if not enough Year 5 & 6 students.
- School to investigate costings further and gauge interest from parents.

- **Future and Sustainability of Parent Voice**

- LH looking to step down from the Chairperson role after Christmas and is looking for someone else to take on the role.
- We are struggling to recruit new members also and would hope that the group therefore does not fold, as we have had an impact in school life and continue to do so.
- We are all happy for JC & JB to continue to be members of the group in their respective roles

of Headteacher and head of Governors, as neither steer or direct the group, but act as a good point of contact and link between the school and the parents.

- JC suggested perhaps changing the time of a Parent Voice meeting to try and encourage more people to either join, or at least engage with the group. Suggested a 'Drop-In' coffee morning in the Diner perhaps at 9.00am one morning to try and encourage people to come and have a look at the diner and also see the successes of the group and make any suggestions for topics for the group to look at next.

- JB, LH & GY to run the drop-in on Friday, 24th November from 9.00am – 10.30am in the diner. We will need flyers to give out, promotional posters / signs also.

- **Golden Mile Update**

- JC says that the school are still hoping to run this, but is waiting until the playground has been sorted and incorporate into the new area.

- 'Fitness Friday' has been introduced and is proving successful.

- More extra-curricular clubs have been added to the programme; although most incur a cost.

- JC hopes that more 'free' clubs will be added soon; although works on the goodwill of the staff.

- New clubs have had an impact on numbers at breakfast club however, so needs a good balance as we don't want to lose the breakfast club.

- The school is keen to encourage a wider range of students to become involved. JB & GY suggested perhaps looking at more 'inclusive sports' such as Boccia and New Age Kurling; which could be easily undertaken in small spaces during lunchtimes.

- **Hot Meals**

- Good feedback received.

- JB completed a mentoring visit.

- Kingswood is looking for an additional member of staff so that hot meals can be rolled out to KS2 by Christmas.

- Will need an investment in cutlery etc though to make this happen.

- Trolley will be rolled from the diner to the hall for KS2 students.

- KS2 parents will need to be canvassed. Suggested through the Facebook page, but felt that better to come direct from the school. Will need a 'taster'.

- KS2 dining experience has been improved – more space in both the hall and also in the playground due to the stagger of the lunchtimes.

- **Parents Day (Work that needs to be done) :-**

- Repair of the fence at the top of the playground.

- Plants.

- School reluctant to invest, until it has been decided about a MUGA (**M**ulti-**U**se **G**ames **A**rea).

- Get rid of old sheds for new (waiting for funding).

- Internal decorating.

- Plastering of staff toilets.

- JC to check with Mr. Gilbert about other jobs and a possible date.

AOB :

- Feedback on Ofsted visit from Local Authority – going in the right direction.

- Will know more when they have had a HMI visit; which could be any day now.

- **Date of Next Meeting :** Tuesday, 5th December 2017