



Parents' forum meeting Thursday 21st October 2024

Minutes

Present: Jane Wright, Zoe McAllister-Wilding, Rosie Evans, Wendy Wilson,
Debbie Dix

- **School Governance update**

Beth Chapman will be joining as Parent Governor. In the spring term, there will be elections for staff governor and for parent governor. If the Education Law is ratified in November, then the interim governing body becomes permanent governing body. The role of governors is not operational but strategic and concerned with issues such as curriculum, site & safeguarding.

Question – who is on the governing body? At the moment: Andrea Dudley-Owen; Kim Hutchinson, Ian Carter, Sam Haskins, Steve Roberts & the Clerk

- **Feedback from the Open Morning on 25th Sept**

There was a 700% increase in attendance this year (14 parents). There were many positive comments about how nice it is to see the school 'working' on a normal day and there were positive comments about behaviour. Many parents were pleasantly surprised.

- **Video Launch evening – Weds 23rd October**

38 people have responded to say they will attend this wine & cheese event. There will be Autumn crafts on slae (proceeds to PTA), the video is 8 minutes long & the event should last for 1 hour.

- **Update / Q's – Behaviour Curriculum**

There will be rewards for being 'all green' (not having yellow & red cards) this week for primary & secondary pupils. Question – is the school still issuing house points? Yes & there will be rewards for the winning house at the end of each 'big' term. RE requested that parents informed e.g. at the gate if there are 'small wins' like house points awarded – WW will bring this up at the L&M meeting this Wednesday. Q- has the school noticed a difference since the Behaviour Curriculum was introduced? Yes, though consistency among teachers is an issue, leadership will revisit this next term. Pupils also want consistency from teachers. WW reported that yellow & red cards are reducing & if they 'mount up' then parents are quickly brought into school to discuss.

- **How often do we want Parent Forum meetings?**

There was a discussion that these meetings could take place 3 times per year & also a suggestion of combining them with PTA meetings.

- **AOB**

Members reported there is little interest from other parents to join the Parent Forum, RE said she will send out a request to Y2 parents. WW said if members hear complaints at the school gate that they ask people to go to the school website & follow the complaints process. RE requested that these minutes are emailed to all parents (which will happen) and to make it clear that we welcome new members to this group, if any parents are interested. Members thanked the school for holding KS1 clubs this term and there was a general thank you for the ELSA work which takes place in school. WW reported that our current ELSA worker is poorly but the school is looking into alternative provision.