



Parent Forum Minutes

Date	26.05.2021
Held at	1.00pm via Microsoft Teams
Present	EA, AC, BD, CM, CS, KH,
Apologies	Donna, Joellene, Sam (both joined later) Isabelle

	ITEM	ACTION
1.	Apologies	
2.	Minutes of last meeting & matters arising from minutes	
3.	<p>More of a push from school with regards to parent forum. Very limited number of parents signed up and very little input from the groups. Still nothing from AC what's app group. Yr 4 – 4 in total, Yr 1 – a few, 29 for CM. Good response for CS. It was mentioned that letters to individual classes would be sent out after half term in order to try and entice more parents to sign up. Noted by all that we want this group to work and be a success for all.</p>	EA Reps
4.	<p>Lack of school supplies in class BD – Yr 5 have been taking in their own pencils/supplies saying there isn't enough. EA noted that there are no issues with supply ordering so will speak to particular class as well as others to find out why children feel the need to take their own in, or wither it's just their preference to.</p>	EA
5.	<p>New legislation around school uniforms/branded item/ affordability EA read a caption of a new law that has recently been passed in which it states that all required school uniform should be affordable by all. Sean noted this will be brought up with the governors at their next meeting to discuss. BD mentioned that if we are looking to go more for unbranded items, that one supplier should be agreed upon with the hope that all parents will adhere to and will find within their budgets. BD mentioned maybe the possibility of having blazers just for Yr 6, but others commented saying it's a lot of money to pay out for their last year. KH asked for EA to confirm which items on the 'school uniform list' were actually still required. Currently it asks for black plimsolls in their bookbags,</p>	EA

	<p>Kerri said she'd had a few parents asked why the extra as they already go into school in their PE kits on their designated days. Also mentioned wither a PE bag is required for EYS.</p> <p>EA to look into the 'list' and determine what can be removed, i.e PE bags. Also will look into backpacks for all years as bookbags can be harder for EYS to carry themselves.</p>	
6.	<p>White polo shirts for early years</p> <p>It was noted by most that they preferred the red polo's and jumpers for EYS and KS1. It makes our school easier to distinguish and people preferred having a coloured polo over white, which marks and stains more easily.</p>	
7.	<p>Quality of Mapac school uniform</p> <p>It is the majority opinion that the Mac Pac range of uniform currently available is of poor quality, is expensive and doesn't wash nicely. The cardigans for mainly younger years it was found don't last, are forever loosing buttons and the older years frays and the shape distorts.</p> <p>PE logo curls up on the white t-shirts</p>	
8.	<p>Parents not wearing masks at pick up time</p> <p>Masks are for the majority being worn by parents at drop off and pick-ups. EA mentioned that although there's no actual 'Rule' as even though we are outside at all times when dropping/collecting, we are still asking everyone to wear masks to just help keep everyone safe and to still be cautious. HCC update their risk assessments after every update and Hammond work alongside these to help keep our school and everyone involved safe.</p> <p>It was mentioned by most that they are liking the one way system, however feel uneasy to challenge parents who aren't adhering to as EA pointed out even as Principle when she questioned someone recently she just got a mouth full back.</p> <p>For now the one way system is staying and EA said she can't see it being taken away anytime soon.</p>	
9.	<p>Start and finish times in September when the school moves to 5 full days</p> <p>A few parents across all years had commented on the school's lack of communication with regards to Septembers change to school days. EA mentioned that communications regarding the change had been made fully aware for all parents with their opportunity to make their own comments and reviews for several months at the back end of last year. It was noted in most of the weekly newsletters with the deadlines to comment.</p> <p>Most are happy with the staggered start times, the teachers have said to have really appreciated the staggered starts as they are able to great the children in smaller groups, rather than in one big rush to come through the door. The previous way of lining up before all going in won't continue in the school year.</p>	
10.	<p>Parent teacher consultations – remote or live</p> <p>EA commented that teachers had liked the remote consultations. Most years had said that they were also happy with remote. It was a general</p>	

	<p>feeling that maybe going forward it could be given as an option to which parents prefer. For some parents where English isn't their first language they have said that they found it a bit stressful and made them feel nervous, where as when face to face for them it is easier to understand and communicate with the teachers. There were a few glitches with some video calls with linking and videos showing but for most it worked well. EA said that going forward parents could maybe have the option to either live or remote.</p>	
11.	<p>AOB</p> <p>Kerri has asked for there to be a mention made in the newsletter regarding new volunteers for Friend's of Hammond. To join the committee as well as helping out with upcoming events.</p> <p>EA mentioned that maybe there could be a permanent page within the newsletter for FOH</p> <p>Kerri also asked wither Gateway to could be used for donations. Like red nose day, non school uniform days etc. Parents have said to find it difficult at times to remember to have change ready to take in.</p>	
12	<p>Date and time for next meeting</p> <p>There was a request for the next to not be held on a Wednesday.</p> <p>Next Gov meeting is July 7th</p> <p>Next parents committee meeting 15th July @ 2pm</p>	