

Minutes of the Parent Voice meeting – Thursday 2nd October 2014

Held in The Barn Cedar Studio

1. Welcome and introduction

Mr McIntosh (Deputy Head teacher) welcomed parents and outlined the purpose of the meeting.

2. Minutes of the last meeting and action points

- **Hats and suncream outside**

Mr McIntosh had passed on to teachers the request for more overt reminders to be given to children to wear hats and suncream outside during hot and sunny weather and especially during events occurring outside, such as the Commonwealth Games event on the Friday following the last Parent Voice.

- **Go Bonkers plans**

This would be taken forward to next term in whole school planning.

- **Breakfast club places confirmation**

Mr McIntosh had been assured that this had been actioned in a timely fashion in the summer term.

3. Clubs

Mr McIntosh hoped that parents found the school's clubs this term were wide-ranging and had been organised well and in good time. There was general agreement. Some questions about football were raised and discussed.

Parental involvement in leading clubs, as discussed in a previous Parent Voice meeting, was to take effect in the next half term with the establishment of a Spanish club. An Italian club was also being organised to start in January.

A question was raised about the possibility of co-ordinating with the Infant School regarding the end of club time so that the times were staggered and parents picking up siblings could get to both schools in time. Mr McIntosh said that a discussion about clubs and times had been underway at the Junior School and an announcement about times would be made later that week.

4. AOB

- **School dinners**

Mr McIntosh asked if parents whose children eat school dinners had given any feedback about the new provider, Ashlyns. The general feeling was that children liked the choice and the quality was good. A question was raised about how jacket potatoes were served, which Mr McIntosh would follow up on.

- **Uniform**

Mr McIntosh asked for feedback about Tesco as a new uniform supplier. There had been mixed experiences but on the whole the ordering, delivery and returns (where necessary) process was simple and effective.

- **Curriculum evening**

Mr McIntosh asked if parents would find it useful if a curriculum evening was organised to communicate information about the new curriculum in place at school – this was met with agreement.

- **Homework**

A question about Headteacher's holiday homework was raised. Mr McIntosh assured parents that Mr McTaggart had been working his way through the many pieces of homework handed in from current Years 4-6 and would be recognising it in a significant way in the next couple of weeks. A general discussion about homework took place. Parents were keen to know how their children had got on with their homework but seldom saw it returned. Mr McIntosh said that there would be a review in school about the place of homework in light of the new curriculum and that parents would be updated when possible.

- **Minibooks/Computers in Year 4**

A question was raised about the minibook scheme for the new Year 4, as had been operated in previous years. There had been no information about a scheme for this year and there was a query if it would be happening. This was time-relevant as some parents tied in the provision of a minibook with Christmas. Mr McIntosh would find out about the proposal for this year and discuss at the next meeting.

5. Dates/events

A list of forthcoming dates and events was outlined.

Mr McIntosh thanked parents for their attendance and reiterated that any requests for agenda items could be made to him in advance. The meeting concluded at 3.15pm.

6. Date and time of next meeting

This would be on Tuesday 11th November at 9am (refreshments from 8.45am).