



# Parent Forum Meeting MINUTES

Meeting date | time 30.03.23  
3.30 – 4.40pm

Meeting called by Deirdre Petersen  
 Type of meeting Parent Forum  
 Note taker Sarah Short

Attendees  
 DP (Head teacher)  
 (parents) Mrs D Marks, Mrs. Heywood  
 GPearson E Skerrett  
 (staff) HC (Puffin)DH.JC (Owl) LV  
 (Chough)

Apologies: RT,KE

## INTRODUCTION/ WELCOME

DP started the meeting with outlining our LAP Trust vision and values and the vision for the school. Christian values. Beliefs and missions explained. Feedback AH not all new as been in trust before. DH communication not so strong. AH DM transition ok.

### ACTIONS FROM LAST PARENT FORUM - N/A

1.1	<p>CHRISTIAN VALUES</p> <p>DP – importance of underpinning all our work on core Christian values. Raising the profile of spiritual development and Christian distinctiveness is a priority for the school.</p> <p>GP &amp; AH stated school stripped of all values - they were there. GP IP not had positive experiences with change of trust, no closure. Devastated. Karate reading mentioned. Parent survey 23 replies – not seen by some parents. DP reassures the survey was on newsletters to gauge parent voice on vision and values. 70% not know Christian values.</p> <p>ACTION: <b>DP Values Survey to be resent</b> <a href="https://forms.office.com/e/eatueW79Ea">https://forms.office.com/e/eatueW79Ea</a></p> <p><b>DM to send on WhatsApp parent group.</b></p>
1.2	<p>COMMUNICATION</p> <p>AH number attending as communication had broke down historically. For example DM unable to locate today's meeting.</p> <p>What works best – Class Dojo: AH not updated enough, old staff still visible. <b>ACTION: Class Dojo needs to be tidied up. (Admin old staff removed)</b></p>

	<p>Parents like to message rather than have to have a face to face. Facebook – fun things about school. DP – we will use the FB page to promote the school and the wonderful things that are happening. SS admin for FB.</p> <p>Website.</p> <p>Too many places to look: DP confirmed - email – formal, legal requirement forum for official letters. DP not for all communication. Less formal..</p> <p>Website official</p> <p>Facebook – informal social community</p> <p>GP Class WhatsApp groups handy for parents.</p> <p>GP&amp; AH. Don't use email as messages get missed. AH. Letters direct message via Dojo. DM suggested one place.</p> <p>AH dojo &amp; email GP uses emails to audit trail information. Curriculum etc information formal letters via email. Reminders via dojo?</p> <p>Facebook is a PR tool . Closed page. Twitter for LAPS</p> <p>GP suggested inform parents about line communication, out of hours.</p> <p>DH explained DOJO messaging.</p> <p>DM asked about Tapestry: learning just Owl class. Download for parents at the end of YR. ES not had Tapestry. <b>JS &amp; DH to check parent access.</b></p>
<p>1.3</p>	<p>CLASS STRUCTURE FOR 23/24</p> <p>DP – current model is not working. Year groups mixed and peer groups separated. Complicated. Needs to be simpler.</p> <p>AH how?</p> <p>Models have been created and communicated for approval. Key stage/ numbers taken into consideration. Possible model could be -</p> <p>R, Y1/2, Y3/4, Y5, Y6</p> <p>GP – older child. Mature – struggled. Bored. Works a year above. Capable. Feels isolated.</p> <p>DP Opportunity to learn together in peer group so important. Learning DM parent worry about with friends. Compared to being a 'family'.</p> <p>DM class names questioned. Why do we need bird names? GP, AH positive.</p> <p>Wake &amp; Shake – parents miss it. DP - Timetable change explained and learning time maximised. Physical activity occurs each day in many forms. DM liked whole school together. Relationships built.</p> <p>DP confirmed about learning gaps and why times changed. Morning minds are more receptive to learn. CW all get together first thing.</p> <p>Parents agreed no need to change.</p> <p>Playtime – issues sorted. GP Structured approach is much better.</p>
<p>1.4</p>	<p>LOOKING FORWARD</p> <p>DP – Curriculum development and enrichment – SIP curriculum. Maths, reading, teacher development. Children will get the best offer possible. Enrichment – trips, sports events.</p>

	<p>Music, drama. Bringing alive. GP wind turbine visit. Honey company/Bees summer term. Visitors in school very popular. ES – pony in. (therapy pony)</p> <p>PTFA -</p> <p>Volunteers – more sign ups, DBS and training in process</p> <p>Residential trips – carry forward to next meeting</p>
<p>1.5</p>	<p>AOB</p> <p>Reading bands (karate)– there will be a replacement. GP - effort based and praised. Cohen parent. DP confirmed praise happens. Reading basket is a new incentive. Children did not like pens, pencils when asked in school. Incentives for effort in Reading in class and at home in place.</p> <p>Homework – currently not as high a priority. DP stated creative approach in the future. Connected to curriculum eg beach art, make, do. GP previous homework, noted more for teachers to do. This is under review to launch new policy in Autumn 2023.</p> <p>AH school has calmed down.</p> <p>GP community links and pre-school link. DP confirmed strong connections already made.</p> <p>AH – buddies enhanced transition this year confirmed.</p> <p>ACTION: Buddy bench donation PSFA</p> <p>AH school feels much more positive now.</p>
<p>Date of next meeting: 13<sup>th</sup> June 2023, 3.30pm</p>	

DP thanks everyone for attending. Meeting closed at 4.40pm