

Parent Meet Minutes

October 2019

Present:

Julie Walsh- Family Support Worker

Sue Jones

Suphia Naeema

Clare Busow

Natasha Chevelleau

Zhulieta Pashova

Ruth Abioudun

Alina Moraru

Items shared

Information from the newsletter was shared:

- Parents evening consultations Wednesday 16th and Thursday 17th October, letters were sent out to all parents to choose a timeslot, if not had one of these speak to the teacher regarding a time or look on the class door for a list of slots available.
- Pupil photographs will take place on Friday 18th October, if families wish to have a picture with younger siblings or a family photograph, then they need to be here as early as possible after 8am these will stop at 8.45am.
- Reminder that there is a free Bagel bar available for children who haven't managed breakfast from 8.30am each morning, come along and grab and go.
- Parents are to let school know if they are sending in another adult to collect their child, preferably introduce the adult beforehand. A reminder that no child under 16 years will be allowed to collect a younger child from school.
- Parents were reminded to label all of their child's belongings, JW shared that she had to distribute, recycle a number of coats and uniforms at the end of last month. This will be done at the end of each month now, so if no items are not labelled then we will be recycling. Parents were told that if they have items that another family may be able to use, let Mrs Walsh know and she will distribute them or if not suitable recycle in Recycle Michael as school gets money back for these clothes, JW will ask Mrs Hinds if she can send out bags to parents to bring in unwanted clothing.
- Please think before parking cars during collection times, a couple of the neighbours have complained that their drives have been blocked by parents collecting their children from school. JW will ask Mr Kerr where we are up to with the plans for the traffic management at the rear of the building.

Items Discussed

- A parent enquired what had happened regarding the milk this year, she hadn't received a letter regarding this. I informed her that messages were sent out at the start of the year and posters around school. JW will check with the office how much and how to go about ordering milk for the rest of the school year.
- The parents shared that they don't feel there is enough after school clubs which are put on by the school e.g. music clubs, art etc... JW shared this will be down to the individual staff being available to run these sessions after school but would enquire if there are any staff who would like to start up any sessions.
- JW has seen a course advertised on Paediatric first aid, she enquired if parents felt that the other parents would pay a fee of £20 for the one of session of 2 hours. The parents felt that

we wouldn't probably get decent numbers unless it was free. A parent mentioned that Boots used to run free courses for parents, JW to look for free courses.

- JW shared that we can now apply to Hits Radio for xmas presents for the children, but can only apply for the children who are pupil premium. Last year JW spoke with local contractors to ask for donations and was given these contacts by Gavin White. JW will speak with Gavin again to ask if any contacts working in the area. Also contact the local supermarkets etc... One of the parents suggested bag packing in Sainsbury's in Fallowfield to get money towards the xmas presents, JW to check with Head teachers if we are able to do this in the community.

Ruth shared that she is a trained beauty and massage therapist. She is willing to do some sessions in school on Head Massage, relaxation etc... Ruth will give a voucher towards the Xmas fair then in the New Year look to meet with JW regarding mindfulness training for parents.

- There was a discussion regarding where the money from the previous school events goes to, I shared that it has previously gone towards school trips as we don't always get the funds from parents for these events. The parents shared that they would like more detail about funds raised and if any of that money can be used towards promoting other fundraising events, buying materials etc... JW shared that she would enquire about this but does feel if we have a more substantial group then we will have more scope in funding our own events, building up a PTA fund to be used in future events etc...

Ideas for Christmas Fair

- Own clothes day, before Parents evening in order to get cake donations to sell at the Parent consultation evenings to raise money for xmas presents for pupils.
- Parent/child, craft sessions leading up to the fair to make items/props to be used.
- Own clothes days leading up to the fair to get goods to sell/raffle
- JW will create a letter for parents to distribute to local shops/contacts to get prizes etc..

Stall ideas

- Hook a bauble
- Knock a xmas can
- Raffle
- Decorate a jar
- Pin nose on Rudolph
- Where's Santa- pin on map, nearest one to Santa wins £5 prize
- Grotto
- Xmas Selfie Booth
- Cake Stall
- Open the box
- Tombola
- Face Paints
- Henna
- Buzz Wire
- Hot Food

Parents with any other ideas to bring them along to the next parent meet, JW will get a list of dates for own clothes days, share ideas for staff to put their name next to stalls etc...

Next Parent Meet - Monday 4th November at 9am