



Parent Voice Team Meeting - The Bourne Academy

Wednesday 11th September 2019 – 5.30-7.10pm

Actions – in yellow

Attendance

Present: LB, BL, ST, CG, CM, GS, LC, KS, SL, TP, WP, CM, LT, LG, MM, FA,

Apologies: MA, CS

Update on Previous Actions

1. **Consent Forms** – we have to issue a new medical form for each trip by law. We can't rely on previous data as medical situations change, and teachers/trip leaders need the most up to date info for insurance purposes.
2. **Annual Fund** – flyer to go out with Annual Fund letter in September – CG finalising and will include Alumni in annual fund letter and flyer.
3. **Badges/Blazer emblems** – sorted the backings and badges are now in full use alongside pink shirts. MA will consult on blazer emblems and bring samples during 2019/20.
4. **Mock timetable for yr 10** - sent out
5. **Yr 11 Prom** – probably set for 2nd July 2020 – 7/7.30pm, venue tbc, £25pp tbc – likely that we will introduce reward points throughout the year which will be able to be redeemed as money off ticket price. TP to update PVT next time.
6. **Joint P. Arts show with Canford?** MA in talks to see what scope for a joint perf arts show/project/showcase – discuss more in November
7. **Transition evening** – thanks to Gina and Katherine for manning the PVT stall – very successful having them/lots of good enquiries from new parents. Suggestions: wear sashes at PVT events, separate pencil case selling stall from Residential deposits stall (move pencil cases away to opposite side of reception). CG to arrange/communicate these for next year.
8. **New York Trip** – query date?? TP explained that tour operators are in final quoting stage, parents to be alerted any day. CG to chase.
9. **Lockers** – BL still in negotiations with Japanese locker company – possibly able to get 20-40 sample lockers for free, external. BL feedback at next meeting.

Principal's Briefing

1. **Yr 7 Intake** – full, great start, very smart. First breakfast being rewarded for students in each house who have most demonstrated ASPIRE qualities
2. **Results** – Pleasing, broadly in line with last year. 6th form x 21 students off to university which is a TBA record! CG invited PVT to see honour boards they sponsored. TP explained that in SMSC students are setting weekly goals, there are assertive mentors from yr 10, there is careers interview practice
3. **Ofsted** – We're due for an inspection in the next two months – Parent View is really important and there are new questions to answer on the parent survey. All: Please do fill it in positively when it comes around. KS suggested sending it round sooner, to enable more parents to have time to answer. CG to action. Last time, parents were really positive. Thank you.
4. **Site updates** – this summer has seen many improvements on site. STEM 18 has become a new computer suite, there is a new pastoral support student hub (bringing everything under one roof – HoH, attendance, Ed Welfare) and we are working on funding to secure a new 6th form building long term, to accommodate the number of students wanting to stay on.
5. **Uniform** – house ties look amazing and shoes are making a real difference to presentation. Only 21 issues with shoes, this is now gone down to low single figures in a week – students and parents have

responded brilliantly. Thank you all. **Students appear really proud on the door, the standard is fantastic.** Tie comments from parents: no loop at the back, fabric is stiffer and not soft like the old ones, price increase from £2.50 to £4.50 – big increase.

6. **Canford** – has just been voted *Independent School of the Year* – Tatler – great for them, and for us by association.
7. **Police Cadets** – going really well – has a few more children from TBA recently signed up. Anyone can apply, 13 yrs old and above – Tuesdays/Thursdays 6-8pm – see police cadet website.
8. **Support Staff Survey** – an internal staff survey in July rated the service from Academy support staff as 99% good or excellent.

Parent Discussion/New Actions

1. **Show My Homework** – when are the passwords going to work? Please can we send another letter/email home regarding logins so that everyone is up to speed. **CG to arrange asap.**
2. **Progresso** – LT can only see one of her children, not the other (no details or timetable showing) – **CG to investigate**
3. **Isolation query** – MM not agreeing with the concept of Isolation Room and will put questions and opinions by email to CG. **CG to confer with SLT and respond.**
4. **Postcards** – LG remarked again how fantastic these are – please keep them coming! **CG to pass on message**
5. **Summer School 2020** – will it be running in 2020? Yes, highly likely, dependent on funding – but yes, hopefully. Mon to Thurs in August 2020 with parental financial contributions. **CG to work on it.**
6. **Sexual Health advice** – MM asked if there anyone coming in to talk to the students? Yes, SUST will be in to talk during year 10. Students will be notified – **TP to pass on message.**
7. **Additional Learning** – KS asked where info can be found? TP replied it's listed on all timetables. **TP to chase yr 11 tutors and contact parents this week regarding 'what's on' – watch out on parentmail.**
8. **Trips** – letters are going to parents about trips, asking for sign up and deposits asap (first come first served) and yet, there's no facility to pay for it on Scopay – not set up yet. Eg. History, Dance, PA. **CG to ensure the teachers communicate to finance dept if they are sending letters to parents to make sure the trip is set up on Scopay.**
9. **Photography** – please can parents be notified in advance of photos being taken of their children. This ensures hair/uniform smart etc. (Grandparents Xmas pressies!) **CG to pass on message.**
10. **SEN** – compliments from LB to SEN team – always great. GS asks if we can make sure SEN plans get communicated to the teachers – as hasn't been the case with her son. **CG to check.**
11. **GP referrals** – MM notified us of new systems for referrals through GPs to Child Development Centre and to CAMHS through school only. **TP to pass on message to HoH and to Ed welfare.**

Financial update

Current bank balance £1581. Have already paid £400 prom and £500 towards honour board. LB signed more cheques.

Upcoming PVT Events

1. **Sports Day, Monday 8th July** –Thanks to Gina Smart and Bob Lockard for running the stall and thanks to Bob for baking cakes. Made approx. £30 profit. Suggestions: move stall to nearer parents next time. Chat to art staff who weren't welcoming of PVT needing water and paper towels. Ensure we promote it more to parents ahead of the day, so they know they can come. More signage to say where the proceeds were going to eg. Science equipment – so that parents don't grumble about the price of cake. **CG log suggestions.**
2. **Open Evening** – PVT to run an info stall– Gina and Lerryn offered to run it, thank you very much. 5.45-8pm. We'll try to ensure sashes. **CG to email confirmation.**
3. **Christmas Fayre – Wednesday 27th Nov, 3-5.30pm.** Bob offered to make and run refreshments stall again, thank you Bob. (mince pies, hot choc, cinnamon rolls, non alcoholic wine). Move refreshments back into 6th form so not hidden. Spread out food stalls to reduce conflict – limit number of cake stalls. LB and GS offered to help on the night and KS on the Mon/Tues if needed – thanks so much. **CG to note all suggestions and offers – we'll be in touch.** Next PVT is only 2 weeks before fayre.

AOB

1. LB requested an email to all staff thanking them for everything they have done for her son SB – full of praise – CG action.
2. KS requested CG look at daughter's progress entry and change details from not B'mth council but now logged as BCP. **CG action**
3. LB requested 2nd hand uniform added to next agenda. **CG Action**

Dates of next meeting – 5.30-6.30pm – Wed 13th November.

Meeting closed at 7.10pm