

**Parent Voice Team Meeting - The Bourne Academy**

**Wednesday 20th September 2017 – 5.30-7pm**

Actions – in yellow

**Attendance**

**Present:** Mark Avoth,Bob Lockard (Chair), Caroline Gobell, Tom Peacock, Steve Saywell, Carrie Searley, Jerry Hancock, Charlaine Brooke, Katherine Spicer, Lisa Cheeseman, Calum MacKinnon, Simone Taghizadeh, Roni Levy, Gill Hodgson, Susan Lockard, Kate Nabney, Marina Harding.

**Apologies:** Linda Bennett.

**Congratulations**: to Bob and Susan on recent marriage.

**Update on Previous Actions**

1. PVT Facebook now linked to Academy Twitter account – currently, PVT Facebook has 74 followers. CS continues to liaise with Dee to update page with events. Currently working really well.
2. List of upcoming trips to be sent to parents is being looked into. CG to circulate when ready.
3. BL is going to monitor PVT e-mail account – CG to forward login details.
4. Annual Fund – as discussed at previous meeting. Letter going ahead in October and was approved by the Governors in July.
5. Letter was sent in July regarding three year GCSE courses.
6. First aid sanctions for calling home by mobile and bypassing the office ladies – sanctions in place

**Principal’s Briefing**

1. **Year 7** – a great start - over full capacity. There were 10 appeals with 6 places given. Currently 182 pupils in year 7 and 39 on waiting list. Academy is up to 950 students in total.
2. **Open evening** was very successful about 300 families. Very positive feedback. Follow up tours are available on Mondays and Wednesdays.
3. **Results** were at national average, but not comparable with last year’s due to the change in system. A full analysis is underway, with further improvements to be made wherever possible.
4. **Fully staffed** with qualified teachers . 13 new staff in total this September – 10% turnover is very good, and the best we’ve ever had and great compared to national statistics – this really helps with consistency.
5. **Uniform** has been excellent so far this term – CJIs are getting great feedback from parents and they email us with any issues.
6. **Wellbeing Officer** has now been employed by the school – this is a new post and we are the first school in the area to make such a provision
7. **Outside Ed kit list** to be available prior to enrolment due to high cost, allowing for parents to budget accordingly. CG to ask OE department.
8. **Book list** – to be available prior to the summer holiday, to enable additional study aids etc to be bought by parents. CG to ask English department.

**Parent Discussion/News**

Parent Talk tonight – very successful. Approx 40 attendees and topics were Careers and Progress 8. All - Let us know if there are any other topics you would like covered in this format.

Unofficial Facebook page causing a few concerns and communication is being sent to notify parents of the official Bourne Academy pages.

Parent Login for Progresso - going out to all parents in next few days.

Issue with the incorrect balances showing up on year 7 students food accounts but this has now been rectified.

Parking problems around the school and in the car park. Academy works hard to prevent parking issues and gridlock situations, through staffing etc. MA to contact council and hopefully get yellow lines re-painted. New signage? Also to look at the previous plan when the school was not fully subscribed as this will have made a significant difference. Traffic warden presence?

Aspire walk was very successful, the children and staff had a fantastic time and the children’s behaviour was excellent. Hopefully it will become an annual event. Review: maybe not put Thorpe Park trip on the same day as some students missed out - CG

Osiligi project managed to raise the required funds to build The Bourne Academy House after a very kind donation from Bournemouth North Rotary Club – Total raised £5300. Hopefully a small amount of children and staff will be able to visit in Autumn 2018 – this will be by application. Meanwhile, we will continue to raise funds where possible towards furnishing the house we are building.

CB had been asked to raise a few questions from another parent regarding lockers for all children, although this would be ideal unfortunately in the immediate future this will not be possible due to a number of factors including space, safety and disruption.

Music and trips – payment sometimes being made before places are confirmed. CG to discuss and report back

Laptops – are there any concessions, through school, for money off buying laptops? No sorry.

Associate staff Survey – July 2017 – 90% of parents rated the service by Academy support staff to be good/excellent.

**Financial update**

Current bank balance £1900 (+ £132.70 paid in 22/9 – sports day refreshments & 2nd hand uniform sale). CG to forward financial log to Jerry for updating.

**Funding Request**

No current funding requests from staff.

**Fundraising Events**

1. **Christmas fayre** Wednesday 29th November 3-6pm. (6th form/lawn/hub)

* Linda Bennett kindly running a toy stall
* Bob kindly running refreshments
* Primary school bringing choir 3-3.30pm
* Yr 7 choir
* Review bungy running rather than bouncy castle – noise. CG
* Who goes where – to shuffle round this year
* Any offers of help on the afternoon - all
* Spread the word – stall holders and helpers/donations - all
* Stall holders wanting to keep their own profit – pay £10 per table and donate a prize
* PVT profit – from refreshments and raffle
* All help get raffle prizes please? – all

1. **Quiz night** Friday 2nd March

* Linda Bennett kindly offered to help organise it once again
* Any offers of help on the night? (marking/getting teams or tables together)- all
* All welcome – great fun – spread the word – all.

Meeting closed at 7pm – thanks to Steve for attending, Bob for chairing, Jerry for banking and Charlaine for minute taking.

**Dates of next meetings – 5.30-6.30pm**

Wednesday 8th November

Wednesday 10th January