



Parent Voice Team Meeting - The Bourne Academy

Wednesday 12th September 2018 – 5.30-7.00pm

Actions – in yellow

Attendance

Present: Caroline Gobell, Simone Taghizadeh, Gemma Holden, Tom Peacock, Lisa Cheeseman, Katherine Spicer, Kelly Westerby, Cristina Marques, Clare Shepherd, Mark Charles, Wendy Punal, Gina Smart, Calum MacKinnon

Apologies: Lerryn Grey, Linda Bennett (recent results congrats), Mark Avoth, Bob Lockard, Susan Lockard

Update on Previous Actions

1. **Parent Log-in to Portal** (to see attendance/subjects/ATL etc) – IT dept unable to add a key for coding. CG still investigating a solution to understanding codes for parents, and asking if the portal can specify more clearly if it is Week A or B. CG also finding out date of letters to new parents with explanation/instructions and codes for parent login.
2. **Reports** – CG to see if reports can be any more user-friendly on iphones (it's ok on laptops/computers). MA/LT deciding whether to add a tutor comment.
- **House badges** – CJ looking at coloured house ties and another option for pink blouse wearers. MA to report back at next meeting. House badges are still fine. We are also considering "other" options for identifying and raising the profile of Houses
3. **Summer Camp:** a great success, great feedback and very helpful in settling new children. All parents present were keen for summer camps in future, and for more notice please – CG to notify earlier
4. **Parent Mail** – earlier glitches now ironed out (sibling contacts). Please feedback any queries.
5. **Mufti/Aspire Days** – 3 dates for 2018/19, one per term, are on the website. £1 cash to be collected in advance for Mufti days (generally penultimate Friday of each term). CG
6. **Communications home/dates & events** – The list of school trip is now up on the website for this academic year. Termly notable dates will be emailed to parents at the start of each term to help provide more notice – CG
7. **Greenpower sponsorship** – included in newsletter and looking great
8. **Catering** –not possible to put ingredients and calories on labels
9. **Parking/barriers in Hadow Rd** –spoken to KPS and Lettings staff to prevent cars getting stuck at KPS
10. **Site Lettings T&C** - amended to further prevent smoking on site
11. **Summer Survey Feedback on Non Teaching Support** – Good/Excellent Scores = Students 78%, Parents 84% and Staff 94%.

Principal's Briefing

1. **Year 7 intake** - 183 take up places and the Summer school has help a great deal of our most vulnerable students settle in. They look exceptionally smart and are actively engaging in lessons.
2. **2018 Yr 7 Residential** – Wednesday 31st October to Friday 2nd November.
3. **Results** - our results for Sixth Form and GCSEs were both excellent and our highest ever.
- **A Level** - Overall **100%** of entries resulted in a grade A* - E pass (**Nat Av 97.6%**). In addition, we had some excellent performances from some of our students. **ALL** of our students had gained automatic access to university on courses they requested to study. Five students have gained access to Russell group universities (Kings College, Exeter and Southampton), two have deferred until they complete a gap year in Bangladesh working for a charity.

- **GCSE – English** - Results with 74% grades 9 to 4 (63% in 2017), and 59% 9 to 5 (47% in 2017). This is above national expectations. With regard to higher grade passes (9 to 7) we are also in line with the national picture by achieving 14.7% when compared nationally. **Mathematics** - Results show a significant improvement in overall attainment figures with 9 to 4 grades being 70% (60% last year and up 15% from 2016) and national average remaining unchanged at 59.4% and 41.18% 9 to 5 grades (31% in 2017). This is the first time we have ever outperformed the national average attainment levels and should be celebrated.

These are our best ever results in terms of the Performance Tables. However, it is important that parents are aware that we offer, and believe in our Performing Arts and Outdoor Ed subject areas and will continue to promote them regardless of some subject areas not being “counted” in these tables.

4. **Uniform (CJ)** - CJ apologies for the problems with tie delivery this year. This was an issue with their manufacturer, William Turner. This actually only affected about 10 of our students
5. **Police Cadets** - The Police and Crime Commissioner’s office (PCC) has formally agreed that we should seek to launch the first Dorset Police cadets unit in our area. However, this has been a slow (very bureaucratic) process. MA liaising with Adam Harrod who has met with the programme team for Volunteer Police Cadets, and the national lead. They are now on hand to provide training, project plans, a syllabus and trouble-shooting. MA visiting a cadet session at Heavitree Road Police Station Exeter EX1 2LR on Thursday 4th October to meet the station cadet manager. They are extremely enthusiastic about Dorset joining in with the national scheme. They have also appointed a new Staff Officer, T/Inspector Rachel Goodwin, to undertake the work needed to get this project off the ground – **All being well, hope to launch a unit to start in January 2019.**

Parent Discussion/New Actions

1. **Sports Day** – not well attended by parents due to the heats having taken place in the morning and only approx. 50 out of 900 students competing in the finals. **Parent suggestions : maybe don’t invite parents or hold a stall? CG to investigate**
2. **Summer Aspire** – **TP to find out if this is a sponsored walk again.**
3. **PTC** – can appointments please be made much earlier – eg. Three weeks before – **CG to ask**
4. **Litter Pick** – Local litter getting worse – email going out to staff and parents. **CG to suggest it to DofE as a community service litter pick.**
5. **Bullying** – parent asked how the Academy deals with it. TP suggested an email to HoH and that bullying is always nipped in the bud and well dealt with. Bullying is discussed in assemblies, in tutor groups and with our Wellbeing coordinator who runs the Bully Busters group.
6. **Impressed** – two new parents said how impressed/’blown away’ they’d been by the Open day speeches, welcome and subsequent welcome. Also both hugely impressed with SEN provision.

Financial update

Current bank balance £2104. (No New Funding Requests)

Fundraising Events

1. **Sports Day – Monday 9th July** - Lower attendance (covered above), no profit. Big thanks to Lisa Cheeseman for helping.
2. **Xmas Fayre – Wednesday 28th November** - 3-6pm– Kelly Westerby & young daughter happy to help from 3.30pm. Callum MacKinnon possibly too. **All PVT members to think of stall holders or if they can run a stall – email Caroline Gobell caroline.gobell@thebourneacademy**
3. **50/50 Club** – **fundraising by tickets and cash prizes – to discuss next time.**

Dates of next meetings – 5.30-6.30pm – 31st October and 16th January

Suggested change of date for 31st Oct meeting – due to yr 7 residential and Halloween – one week later? – CG to confirm

Meeting closed at 7.00pm