

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

**Thursday 10 March 2022 – 5.00 – 5.45pm**

Actions – in yellow

**Attendance**

**Present:** Mark Avoth, Caroline Gobell, Lauren Orchard, Emma-Jo Farrell, Cristina Marques, Lisa Cheeseman, Katherine Spicer, Wendy Punal, Becky Withers, Ed & Joyce Apeh, Eleanor Johnson, Gina Smart.

**Apologies:** Lisa Philogene Jones, Wendy May, Gevelyn Brady

**Welcome**: to new parents and to LO/EJF from the pastoral team.

**Update on Previous Actions (January 2022)**

1. **Food App** – fixed and functioning again
2. **Trophy Cabinets** – purchased and installed (more info below)
3. **2nd Hand Uniform** – advertised on TBA and PVT facebook pages (to encourage carpark swapping)
4. **Basketball and Maths queries –** as explained in last minutes

**Pastoral Update**

1. National attendance rates are 89%, TBA attendance rates are 89.63% - so still pleased to be just above national average.
2. Staffing much easier now (after a period of Covid and long term illness in the pastoral team). AL (head of Calshot) is cancer free but still undergoing radiotherapy.
3. New programmes are being launched to support vulnerable students with personal sessions, and some parent programmes too
4. Pandemic impact – we are now finally seeing some impact from the pandemic, with a reported 400% increase in the presentation of heightened emotional needs in young people.

**Principal’s Briefing**

1. **Bourne Scholars Programme** – this replaces the old Gifted and Talented programme, it launched this week to 31 Yr 7s (15% of Yr 7 year group), all chosen from mid yr assessments, ATL scores and academy contributions so far. The scheme will make the most of our relationship with Canford and we’re writing to all parents to explain how their children might access it in future.
2. **Catering –** a new outdoor servery has just opened this week, students voted on names and the winning name is: The Pod. Queues in the HUB have reduced already and on average it now takes just 8 minutes, on average, to get the whole school through the food queues at break and lunch. We are still discussing range of foods and we meet the caterers every two weeks to discuss this – colour coded Coeliac menus are coming. On cost: our caterers are doing a cost comparison with previous caterers. Action: MA to report back on range of food and cost. We will ensure high standards continue to be met. GS to supply specific price queries to CG (drinks and snacks). CT/CG: We will market the Meal Deals better
3. **Admissions –** for the 5th yr running we are oversubscribed, with over 550 applicants for 180 places. We had to refuse 78 first choices.
4. **Outdoor Education Site –** we’ve secured £10K-£14K to redevelop our OE site – plans afoot for revamping bushcraft, forest school and assault course + general landscaping
5. **MiSST –** we attended the London Concert last week which was amazing – wonderful to see where our children will mperform after the first year of having their musical instruments next year. Andrew Lloyd Weber was there and, as the first and maybe only school in the south of England to join, we are very hopeful that we can entice him down for a visit.
6. **Staggered Starts –** all students starting at 8.30am from September (keeping 3 entrances) – no more staggered starts.

**Other News**

1. **Comic Relief –** Friday 18 March is mufti day – proceeds split between Comic Relief and the Osiligi School . Plenty of activities and a cake sale. CG to send the Osilgi newsletter to all parents, to keep them informed
2. **Youth Member of Parliament –** delighted to announce that our student, Zara S, won the place, and even gained 400 votes from other schools. We are delighted and arranging a photo shoot with Conor Burns here onsite in March.
3. **Ukraine –** we have so far taken 3 minibus collections to Castle Point, donations from staff and there are girls selling badges/info to parents/assemblies etc. We are planning a future support programme too.
4. **Kingren Groundworks –** An official thank you to the Cheeseman’s company, Kingren Groundworks, for supplying/building the base for our new catering pod, over half term. A wonderfully kind donation.

**Financial Update**

Current bank balance approx £900 with £365 paid out for Trophy Cabinets agreed at last meeting.



*Thanks to the wonderful support of our PVT we have been able to install two new trophy cabinets to showcase the trophies from the annual Celebration of Success Evening. The trophies have already proved a talking point and provide students and staff with a wonderful insight into the history of the success of students at the academy as well as visibly celebrating our House System. We have already noticed a number of younger students looking to see if they recognise any names. Thank you PVT.*

**Fundraising Requests -** none

**PVT Fundraising Ideas:**

1. **Canford Rainbow Run** – Sunday 8th May 2022. More details to come soon, but please save the date and spread the word. The more entrants we can submit, the greater the donation to The Bourne Foundation (due to gain 50% proceeds from the whole event).
2. **2nd Hand Uniform** –Parents to encourage them to swap used uniform on the PVT facebook page.

**AOB:**

* **Term dates 22/23 –** being released in next week or two - CG to email parents
* **Duty staff around Hadow Road? –** MA to check if staff on duty around local area/end Hadow Rd
* **Big thank you to Mr Mastrocola/Music Team for fabulous recitals –** immense talent. CG email
* **Late arrivals –** contact Reception (not absence line)
* **Blue Badge spaces –** we don’t patrol car park, so up to parents to challenge. We do send reminders.
* **KPS coaches –** watch out for parking in drop off zone
* **PVT start time –** keep at 5.30pm – CG to ensure
* **PE tops –** better PE tops coming in (cheaper and better) – both versions still accepted.

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

Wednesday 4 May (no MA)

Wednesday 15 June.

**Meeting closed at 5.45pm**