



Parent Voice Team Meeting - The Bourne Academy

Wednesday 7th November 2018 – 5.30-7.00pm

Actions – in yellow

Attendance

Present: CG, ST, LC, KS, CM, MC, WP, GS, LB, LG, MA.

Apologies: BL, CS, GH, TP, CS.

Update on Previous Actions

1. **Parent Log-in.** Letters to new yr 7s (parentmail) and all year groups, (Progresso login), were sent in October. PVT commented that parents have to go to three different places to find info/make actions (Tucasi to pay, ParentMail to get comms and Progresso for student info). **CG to investigate if one central place is possible? Or, at least to get a new button on top right of website homepage to link to Tucasi.**
2. **Reports** – IT dept helping to develop an App with Progresso to help make reports on iphones more user friendly. SS to feedback info for next meeting. **MA to meet Staff Governor to discuss putting tutor comments on reports.** This would replace the 2nd PTC night, in terms of teachers' time. We minuted that the PVT preference is to keep the two PTC nights, if there has to be a choice between one of the other.
 - **House clothing** – CJI looking at blazer stripes/coloured house ties and another option for pink blouse wearers. **MA to report back at March meeting.**
3. **Summer Camp:** **MA to visit AFC B'th to present findings from summer camp and hopefully get additional funding for summer 2019.** Ideal opportunity for those not attending the Residential.
4. **Mufti/Aspire Days** – dates are out. Hopefully, the summer ASPIRE day will be a **house walk in Bournemouth – TP to confirm.**
5. **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**

Principal's Briefing

1. **Published Table** – Delighted to report that we have achieved a positive +0.13 result (this was on Twitter and FB). Look at Gov.uk website, schools performance page, 2018.
2. **2018 Yr 7 Residential** – Wednesday 31st October to Friday 2nd November, went very well and was beneficial to all involved. Comments back from parents: PGL tired/end of season, freezing, food not good, no Halloween activities, teddy on kit list please – but children all enjoyed it/activities great. **CG pass on ideas of Fairthorn in Botley (tents) and Avon Tyrell to Tom Peacock + add teddies to kit list.**
3. **Uniform – Ties:** students and staff have voted to introduce the clip on tie. (£1 more, but smarter, easier). To be introduced for new year 7s from September, and phased in for other groups. LC took one home for a trial wash/dry. **Shoes:** again from September 2019, we'll enforce black school shoes, not black trainers, from Yr 7.
4. **Police Cadets** – MA visited the site near Exeter. We are still on track to be the lead school for Cadets in Bournemouth/Dorset. **MA contacting them before Christmas for a meeting – All being well, hope to launch a unit from Yr 9 upwards, next academic year.**
5. **Parent Governor** – the search is on for a new Parent Governor. Applications need to be in by early December, so do **all: contact CG if you're interested in the information pack/form.**

6. **Annual Fund** – CG updated that a new letter had gone out to all year groups inviting voluntary parent contributions (more than last year's Yr7 only). Awaiting to hear, but so far, £400 pledged in just a few days, fantastic and so grateful.
7. **Outdoor Education Bid** – CG has bid to Public Health Dorset for approx. £25K of funding for our Outdoor Education Team, funding salary and activities. LB endorsed the idea, on behalf of parents, on the application. Await to hear result.
8. **Conor Burns MP** – Conor is kindly coming in this Friday for a Q&A session with yr7 students + a meeting with MA. MA will update Conor on the progress of the Academy and latest news, whilst touching on funding and other issues eg. Parking.
9. **The Bourne Foundation** – CG updated on general activity by the Foundation. Approx £5K income during 2017/18, £6K income so far during 2018/19 with £10K pending. Trustees review grant requests and allocate funds back to the Academy.
10. **Poppies** – our art department have made poppies to feature in Kinson's Service of Remembrance this Sunday – part of the representation of 88 local servicemen/women who died in the war.
11. **Kenya 2020** – students from yrs 8 and above may apply, including Yr 11 now. Approx. cost £1200 in stages.
12. **INSET day 30th Nov/3rd Dec**
13. **PSWs** – Pastoral Support Workers have had a huge and positive impact on pastoral care at the Academy.

Parent Discussion/New Actions

1. **Postage** – be more mindful of several letters coming out at once – costs/postage. **CG to pass on to office.**
2. **Grease Rehearsal Schedule** – a busy schedule, not much time for homework, outside clubs, eating! **MA to discuss internally. Perhaps more indication of breaks/provision for food?**
3. **Parking** – horrendous. MA explained that 6 members of the council came to see it for themselves. Not much we can do, but we are campaigning for change. Long term, we may be able to put another car park at the back, when we build again. Bike sheds full – impressive amount of cyclists. **CG to explore funding for new bike shed.**

Financial update

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

Fundraising Events

HELP.....

1. **Xmas Fayre – Wednesday 28th November** - Approx. 4 external and 6 internal stall holders, 10 raffle prizes. So far, offers of help from Bob Lockard, and Kelly Westerby + daughter. **Choirs singing** – TBA and KPS. **All PVT members to think of stall holders or if they can run a stall – email Caroline Gobell caroline.gobell@thebourneacademy**
2. **Friday 1st March** – quiz night – LB helping to arrange – more news after Christmas. Teams please!

Dates of next meetings – 5.30-6.30pm –16th January

Meeting closed at 7.05pm