



Parent Voice Team Meeting - The Bourne Academy

Wednesday 1st May 2019 – 5.30-7.00pm

Actions – in yellow

Attendance

Present: MA, ST, CG, CM, GS, CS, LC, CM, KS, WP, LG

Apologies: GH, TP, LB, BL

Update on Previous Actions

- 1. Parent Log-in.** All logins now in one place on website homepage for ease of use. Communication went home to parents and PVT members.
 - **Uniform/House clothing** – see below
- 2. Summer School:** Happy to report that Summer School is definitely going ahead, and we're asking parents for a £50 donation. Other donations so far are approx. £800 donation from the Steve Bernard Foundation towards the Monkey World Daytrip, and £500 donation from Lisa and Darren Cheeseman/Kingren Groundworks. Massive thanks to both parties. Letter going out to parents in the next two weeks - CG
- 3. Mufti/Aspire Days** – Summer Aspire Day is a sponsored walk or a rewards trip – students can choose if they are offered both. TP to ensure registration of students happens at the start and end of the walk.
- 4. Police Cadets** – see below
- 5. Site and Lettings Team** – now fully staffed.
- 6. PTC dates for GCSE students** – have been looked at to try to bring earlier in the year
- 7. Kitchen/allergy processes** – CG investigated and communicated directly with parent
- 8. Parent helpers** – CG confirmed that yes, of course, we'd love to have parents stay on helping the TBA once their children leave the Academy. The Alumni Association we have is for all former students, staff and parents of the TBA family.

Principal's Briefing

- 1. Admissions/6th form plans** – we are full with a number of appeals being worked on. Hope to expand 6th form in future, however there is a surplus of 6th form places in B'mouth, so not easy for the council to endorse our expansion aims. Regional Commissioner visited last week, with a group of education decision makers – the visit was very positive, they loved the Canford model and relationship. Ideally, they'd like more schools in the group, however, Canford keen to keep the unique relationship.
- 2. Uniform –**
 - House Rucksacks** - decided not to go for these.
 - Clip on Ties/Leather-look shoes** – MA to enquire if clip on ties will come in house colours? Sanction for wrong shoes will be home to change or Isolation. Bob to feedback on locker research for heavy PE kits with additional trainers in. MA impressed the importance of changing ones shoes for sports lessons – foot health.
 - House ties/badges** – MA showed the new style ties – all very positive. MA enquire if orange stripe can be brighter/more neon, to match the colour value of the green stripe. House badges tend to fall off blazers if knocked, MA enquire about getting them bigger/stronger fittings?
- 3. Police Cadets** - launch tomorrow, 2nd May – very exciting, there's been lots of press coverage – 1st unit in SW England. Simone is the Cadet Leader – 150 people expected. 30 in first cohort and a waiting list for future recruits. TBA is just the venue, not the organiser – but excellent PR.

4. **Behaviour** – We continue to strive for excellent behaviour and consistency from all students and staff. Every school now has an Isolation Room. PVT agreed that their children are commenting much less on classroom disruption, so things have definitely much improved. Question: how are we providing plans for student disruptors who have special educational needs? This is currently in discussion – we plan to allocate a TA and SENDco who will provide a different location for these children and a different workload – this location will be termed ‘an inclusion room’ or similar. All parents agreed that special provisions, allowances and adjustments for individual students, is done really well at TB – the Academy really ‘understands’ their children.

Parent Discussion/New Actions

1. **Letters home** – can we save on postage by combining more letters/using parentmail? **CG to talk with all staff to reiterate this.** The office doesn’t always know when a letter is going to come from a teacher, the day after a whole school email – we’ll investigate.
2. **Electronic consents for trips etc** – can consent forms be done electronically in future? MA reminded that it is important we have a physical consent reply for safeguarding. **MA/CG already investigating new systems and will report back.**
3. **DofE Bronze awards from 2018** – not awarded yet, student waiting. **MA to chase.**
4. **Why does Yr 10 work experience happen this week?** – Universities etc are already winding down in May, so those opportunities are not available. **MA/CG to find out from Careers dept and feedback.**
5. **Love the postcards!!** – MA reiterated the value and worth of these, they are hugely popular – we’ll never stop doing them.
6. **End of term reports** – some subjects were missing – **MA to find out.**
7. **Reception lunchtime manning phones** – a parent tried six times to contact reception to report an incident – **CG to ensure this doesn’t happen** and reassured that lunch rotas in place ensure 100% phone manning from 8.20-4.30pm.
8. **Sickness** – what policy in terms of number of hours away from school after a bout of sickness? MA responded to apply common sense – generally this is the rule at secondary school, unlike primaries.
9. **Term dates** – **CG to amend website term dates for 2019/20 asap.**
10. **Kitchen ingredients** – how do we cater for someone with special dietary requirements when the kitchen doesn’t publish the ingredients? CG recommended that parent send in a list of what the student cannot/mustn’t eat, to HoH – this will be forwarded onto the kitchen.
11. **Sponsorship** – discussed sponsorship opportunities and how we advertise them to gain additional funding. **CG design a flyer to go out with Annual Fund letter this Sept, offering companies sponsor.**

Financial update

Current bank balance £2088.

Funding requests

£400 for Yr 11 Prom – as previous years – to pay for photo booth – AGREED

£500 contribution to a new 6th form Honour Board, displaying student leaver destinations – AGREED

LB and CG to write cheques to TBA.

Special Thanks to the Cheeseman family/Kingren Groundworks for their most generous donation of £500 towards the Summer School, and a subsequent donation towards the Honour Board too.

Fundraising Events

1. **Quiz Night - Friday 8th March** – quiz night – 60 guests, best ever, great atmosphere. Big thanks to Linda for co-organising with Gemma and Calum who scored, and any who helped/donated raffle prizes – couldn’t do it without you. PVT team next year!! £256 raised, yet to be paid in.
2. **Sports Day, Monday 8th July, 2pm** – drinks stall serving jugs of squash and water. Thanks to Gina Smart for offering to run the stall. Any other volunteers, please contact CG? CG and Gemma to arrange set up.

Dates of next meetings – 5.30-6.30pm –Wed 12th June, Wed 11th September, Wed 13th November.

Meeting closed at 6.55pm