



Parent Voice Team Meeting - The Bourne Academy

Wednesday 6th March 2019 – 5.30-7.00pm

Actions – in yellow

Attendance

Present: CG, BL, LC, CM, KS, CM, GS, LB

Apologies: GH, TP, MA, ST

Update on Previous Actions

1. **Parent Log-in.** A new website is being planned for next academic year, but in the meantime, we are putting all logins in one area on the website – hopefully it will be the last pink tab across the top bar. CG to arrange this in coming weeks.
2. **Reports** – MA to give final verdict on tutor comment on reports or 2nd PTC night (due to have talked with staff governor)
- **Uniform/House clothing** – CJI to supply clip-on ties. Samples of house ties to next meeting. MA to report back at May 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. Parents very keen for this to go ahead as the benefits to new students is so huge, and they want to know how much a 4 day summer school is? CG to find out. They would be happy to contribute or suggested asking for parent/6th form volunteers to work in support of main staff.
4. **Mufti/Aspire Days** – Hopefully, the summer ASPIRE day will be a house walk in Bournemouth – CG to confirm asap. Also TP to ensure there is no clash with another trip like last time (Thorpe Park rewards). Parent mentioned students were missing from end of walk registrations, as they had stopped early – how to control this – TP to respond.
5. **Police Cadets** – first venue in Dorset, delighted to be starting it on Thursday evenings – already recruiting yr 9 upwards.

Principal's Briefing

1. **Uniform – House Rucksacks: Parent responses:**

1. Like the sound of them in principal
2. Hard to identify your own bag (yes you could name them or put keyrings on, but run the risk of keyrings being stolen off/grabbing wrong bag in a hurry)
3. How to get the size right – v small kid with an overly big bag? Kids with too much stuff to fit in a bag would then end up bringing in scruffy carrier bags) – do they come in various sizes?
4. Waterproof? Kids walk or cycle in rain
5. Removes any expression of individuality - students, especially girls, really like choosing their own bags to suit purpose and character.
6. Could we keep the 'any choice bags' but enforce a colour rule – eg. All black

Clip on Ties/Shoes: again from September 2019, we'll enforce black school shoes, not black trainers, from Yr 7 – letter on its way. Parent feedback:

1. How are we going to sanction the 'bad' tie wearing – ie. if ties are the normal type and are worn too loose or low? Is this just another battle we are going to fight and will students be disciplined for continual loose ties – can we force them to buy clip-ons?
2. Trainers/shoes – PVT were 60% disappointed by the 'no black trainers' rule. They say that due to lack of lockers, their children wear their black trainers on PE days meaning one less pair of shoes to carry

around with them all day. Again, they asked what the sanction would be for wearing trainers instead of leather shoes – go home to change?

3. **Parent Governor** – appointed – Mr Lawrence Lewis – daughter in yr 9.
4. **Water Fountains/cycle sheds** - we have been awarded funding. Water stations are awaiting installation and cycle sheds are being ordered.
5. **Cultural Experiences** - you will have seen our impressive list of termly diary dates through email/parentmail. We are immensely proud of the many opportunities afforded to our students, and grateful to our staff for giving up their time/making such great efforts to provide these amazing chances.
6. **Annual Fund** – £2000 pledged for this academic year with approx. a further £300 per year rolling forwards to 2023
7. **Outdoor Education Bid** –Public Health Dorset has donated £25K of funding for our Outdoor Education Team, funding salary and activities. A one year project to further OE work and reach out to primary schools too.
8. **Kenya – Osiligi School** – still hoping to get a trip out there, working on funding and recruitment. Meanwhile, our sign has gone up in Kenya, on the house, naming it as The Bourne Academy House.
9. **INSET day next week – 14th March, and Red Nose Day on 15th**
10. **6th form logo and literature** – is being rebranded from September
11. **New Look Newsletter** – you will have seen from Christmas the newsletter we email out to parents is in a new format – Flipsnack – much easier to turn pages in a book method
12. **Foreign Students** – we have hosted a Chinese group and will be hosting a Spanish group before Easter –groups, plus occasional individual students will be generating £25K income for the Academy this year
13. **Community Lettings** – We are still looking for a Community Lettings Supervisor – please send round the vacancy to your friends and contacts or let us know if there is a local shop you can put a card in, we can supply advert cards. Community lettings is set to generate approx. £60K income this year.
14. **Conservation ASPIRE day** on Monday – giant sea creature on Instagram! Parent feedback: students loved the Big Bang talk and were very inspired.

Parent Discussion/New Actions

1. **Year 10, 2nd PTC night, in June.** Please can this date be moved to earlier in the year? June is too late to do anything about kids' learning in such an important year. Perhaps swap a younger year group into the June slot. **CG to investigate.**
2. **Students disillusioned/distracted by the behaviour of naughtier children**, sometimes for whole lessons. Sometimes have to entertain themselves, find own work to do to stay occupied. Big discussion, CG explained slips system, growth curve of implementing a new behaviour system, consistent treatment by staff. **CG to chat with SLT.**
3. **Medical Conditions/Safeguarding concerns** – how do we log changes to these for students? How are staff updated? Eg. Kitchen staff knowing a child has become epileptic or allergic? What policy in place. How do we know when staff acknowledge having read the list? CG explained the Medical Conditions policy, the current process, and the Office Mgr's role as Lead first aider + Safeguarding team's regular updates. **CG to explore further and report back at next meeting.**
4. **How to still help the Academy when your child has finished their learning at TBA.** Stay on PVT? Other? **CG to discuss with MA.**

Financial update

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

Fundraising Events

1. **Xmas Fayre – Wednesday 28th November** – Big thanks to all helpers, especially Bob for wonderful refreshments stall. Total raised was £910 – split between PVT, Osiligi and The Bourne Foundation

Reports that the football game on Lawn became too boisterous, leading to a ball smashing into a HUB stall of a visiting jeweller. CG said we had already had the discussion and that a staff duty rota would be in place next time, with sanctions for any students flouting normal rules.

- 2. Friday 8th March** – quiz night – 50 tickets sold (mainly staff) LB helping to arrange – big thanks to Linda. More teams please, more raffle prizes please, more helpers please. CMK offered to score on the night, others looking for raffle prizes. For next year a PVT team has been pledged.
- 3. Fundraising ideas:** film night, car boot sale, hampers with ticket sales (themed eg. Easter choc, world xx day, or linked to foodbank to donate contributions).

Dates of next meetings – 5.30-6.30pm –Wed 1st May, Wed 12th June.

Meeting closed at 6.50pm