



Parent Voice Team Meeting - The Bourne Academy

Wednesday 11th March 2020 – 5.30-7.00pm

Actions – in yellow

Attendance

Present: ST, CG, CM, GS, LC, KS, WP, LG, HB

Apologies: MA, BL

Update on Previous Actions

1. **Canford – Canford Colour Run** – Sunday 26th April 2-4pm: all welcome. £10 entry fee with 50% proceeds back to The Bourne Foundation. Register online to get t-shirt, pins and number - a 5km or 2.5km route. CG/GH to push on social media/to students. CG to distribute numbers/t-shirts
2. **Summer School 2020** – hope to happen – CG working on funding as per 2019 – dates tbc. HB introduced herself and talked about planning and activities should it go ahead. CG chase funding. PVT members - any suggestions of funding sources?
3. **2nd hand uniform depot** – CG emailed KS's local contact twice, no reply. CG to try again, KS to try Hope for Food
4. **Trophy Cabinet** – purchased and fitted, looks great - big thanks to PVT for funding it
5. **Website Update**- staff and students consulted, CG going ahead with new revamp for September 2020
6. **Parent Wellbeing Sessions** - we are trialling different times to ensure all parents have the opportunity to attend - in the summer term it will possibly be at the same time as a PTC, approx 5pm.

Principal's Briefing

1. **Admissions – Yr 7 Sept 2020** = full with 180 places. Furthest admission from TBA, in distance, was 1.140 miles away. Appeals likely
2. **Uniform** - Blazers ordered for new cohort. CJ embroidered existing blazers however from time to time the machine will break a needle and might rip the clothing. Therefore, All customers will have to sign a disclaimer as they will not refund the money for a new item of clothing. Parent asked in that case, if we can go back to buying iron on emblems for existing blazers, otherwise could get expensive. MA to find out
KS mentioned there was a proposed uniform bill being debated and brought forward in March by MP Mike Amesbury - keeping uniform costs to a minimum by being unbranded
3. **Suits** - we have the opportunity to sell a number of surplus new suits from Canford, (useful for interviews/prom) and keep the profits towards new Honour Boards. Likely price £30 per suit - PVT members very keen and want first dibs! CG to find out sizes and quantitiesand to email PVT first, then GH market the suits to rest of parents/students/6th formers.
4. **Coronavirus** - we are keeping a close eye on developments and taking all guidance from the DfE. Currently stepped up Hand Gel stations around the site, cleaning of 'touch points', comms to all staff and students re handwashing, monitoring use of isolation, foreign student presence. We are ensuring all plans in place in event of closure - no current news on that or exams, or revision sessions - taking it day by day, as per guidance. ST mentioned her workplace/school is already struggling with cover. CG/MA keep parents updated.
5. **Student Council** – New staff member in charge, Mrs White – doing great things with the group. Great winning success with our first ever candidate in the **UK Youth Parliament elections**, Sarah Lockard, representing our region from her manifesto to protect the Environment and promote positive mental health. She had 627 votes and her co-winner had 646 votes (boys grammar). There were two voted deputies, both from girls' grammar with votes in the 400s. Total youth votes locally amounted to 6000.

6. **ASPIRE award** - Student Council is involved with the design of the ASPIRE Award for the summer term. The Award will be promoted during the summer term parents' evenings as well as through assemblies, tutor time and through student leader promotions. It will culminate on the final summer ASPIRE Day with an event for parents recognising and celebrating Aspire achievements.
7. **PVT support** - thanks to all of you for your support recently - particularly to LC and KS for spending a full day sorting the dance/drama cupboard!
8. **Cashless Catering** - our supplier was supposed to have fixed a problem and hasn't - this has resulted in information about student food purchases not being transferred back to the online payment system from the catering system. This is currently being resolved, in the meantime, please ensure your child has enough money on their school meals account to buy food - the accounts will be adjusted later.

Welcome to SENDCo/HoH - Hayley Betteridge

1. HB explained her involvement in the national trailblazer programme being rolled out around additional wellbeing in schools/GP presence. The plan is to bring a counsellor into each school for 30 hours every week for two years – TBA to be one of the few schools involved in the pilot for the project – MA to bring more info next time.
2. Brave Programme (combating anxiety in schools) - discussed but HB explained it wasn't a project which had a huge success due to IT let downs and other factors preventing it taking off.
3. HB mentioned there's a letter coming to new upcoming Year 7 parents re the launch of SEND Surgery dates - pop in sessions with no appointments needed
4. PVT members gave excellent feedback to HB about the TBA SEND provision

Financial update

Current bank balance £1500 (no movement since last meeting)

No further requests for funding.

Ten Year Anniversary

CG explained the thinking for Anniversary celebrations and talked about our joint meeting/celebration focus with Canford too. PVT to be invited if we hold a main celebration event. More information to come as we move forwards.

Upcoming PVT Events

1. **Easter Chocolate Draw** – posters designed and put up, social media/tutor notices happening, Parent comms happening, donations of chocolate has started, raffle tickets on sale at Reception. **All: to share the information and push the draw**
 - Reception selling raffle tickets, £1 a strip, until 27th March
 - Students invited to donate any chocolate eggs by Friday 20th March
 - Monday 23rd March – **PVT members to cellophane wrap and assemble chocolate eggs into a pile for photo shoot.**
 - Monday 30th March – **PVT members to draw the tickets and distribute chocolate as appropriate/ as directed. Distribution to be complete by Thursday 2nd April, (ahead of egg rewards at the end of term, Friday 3rd)**
 - Experienced PVT chocolate event fans predicted number of chocolate egg donations!!: **GH to count donations** and **CG to donate egg to the winner** (GS: 500, CMK: 300, LG: 180) Let me know if you want to join the sweepstake!
2. Transition Evening, Wednesday 1st July – PVT Helpdesk – GS kindly offered to man the stall, KS checking dates
3. Sports Day – PVT refreshments – GS kindly offered to man the stall

AOB

CM asked if we could look at Attendance Procedures - parents being called or texted for mistaken absences when child already in school. Parents understandably become v worried. CG to look into this and come back with more information/reforms.

Dates of next meeting – 5.30-6.30pm

Wed 10th June

Wed 16th Sept

Meeting closed at 7.00pm