



Parent Voice Team Meeting - The Bourne Academy

Wednesday 15 September – 5.00-6.45pm

Actions – in yellow

Attendance

Present: Mark Avoth, Hayley Betteridge Caroline Gobell, CM, LC, KS, BW, GS, JR, ER, SS.

Apologies: BL, WP, HW, PB

Welcome: to new parents and to HB from the pastoral team.

Meeting times: Quick vote and agreed best face to face meetings in future, but at 5.30pm.

Update on Previous Actions (Nov 2020)

1. **Suits still for sale** – from Canford, £130 down to £30. **Contact CG if you wish to purchase.**
2. Can parents **pay via Scopay** for **Mufti events?** – **CG sending letter to parents.**
3. Alumni Event for current yr 13s – a leaver's event to replace lost yr 11 prom. Still in our minds, but not something that TP is going to arrange.

Pastoral Update

1. **First Impressions Card** – Successful Rollout – Since the start of term, we have seen the lowest numbers ever of students in Isolation – the FIC cards are working well and students are actively avoiding strikes. We continue to monitor how many SEN students end up in ISO, and will manage those individual cases carefully.
2. **Rewards processes and structure (including staff consistency)** – under consultation and parents will be informed asap. Rewards trip are coming back to normal.
3. **Blazers** – CJI is aware that a batch of new blazers is prone to buttons falling off – these blazers can be taken back to the shop and the glitch is being fixed.

Principal's Briefing

1. **Summer School** – Transition process was limited for this year's yr 7. So great that an external company ran a summer school with Gov funding (54K) (although it was actually run by HB internally, with our own staff!). Excellent week with a day trip and electronic devices given at the end. In a feedback survey, all 118 responses were excellent.
2. **Proms/Arts Awards** – very successful and worth putting them on (despite the numerous Covid date changes!). Thanks for your support with these.
3. **Staggered Start/Covid Testing** – thanks for your patience – staggered start much needed for yrs 7/8/12 and for running almost 2000 LFD covid tests
4. **Road Safety** – please remind students to cross at designated crossings. **Action: CG to email to parents with reminder of yr group badge colours**
5. **BTEC School of the Year 2021** – this was very important and big news, so delighted

6. **MiSST – Music in Secondary Schools Trust** have chosen TBA as their only school in the South and to be part of only 22 schools nationally – providing free classical music lessons, concerts and instruments to Years 7&8 from Sept 22. Patrons include Lord Andrew Lloyd Weber and Nicola Benedetti. A private donor has kindly given £45K towards instruments and musical equipment. This is life changing for our Academy and our students. We're extremely excited about it.
7. **Greenpower Car** – National Competition - We have just won best presented team at the latest September races in Goodwood, and are going on to once again race in the International finals.

Other news

1. **New Honour Board has been printed** – 36% of our yr 13 leavers went on to Russell Group Universities
2. **Open Day** – 29 Sept 6-8pm – spread the word if you know any families interested in joining in yr 7. GS and KS offered to help at PVT stall – **CG to confirm.**

Financial Update

Current bank balance £1500 (with £100 having been deducted for the Dr Bike Event)

Fundraising Request

To provide funding towards bike lights on a needs basis – to support with 30 sets of lights at 50% of the cost (£2.50) shared with Sustrans. **Total £75. Agreed. CG to action payment**

PVT Fundraising Ideas:

CG invited any fundraising ideas or income solutions but reiterated that no events are taking place as yet. Also important to remember that parents need to assist and spearhead fundraising events. Perhaps a quiz night in Spring? **Action: All Consider at November meeting.**

AOB

1. **PTC Format** – going to be a blended approach in future. Two per year – 1 face to face, 1 online.
2. **Academic Sets** – query over how the set numbers work? **MA to send out communication in October**
3. **ACE Clubs** – times have changed and caused confusion – final list to be sent out with apologies for any confusion as staff find out Additional Learning Schedule etc. Perhaps start a week later next term/year. **CG to query**
4. **Sanitary Products** – Ensure Yr 7 and 8 are aware they can access sanitary products if needed, **CG/HB to communicate this and make part of future Transition information.**
5. **Food App** – too much cheese on menu options. **MA to pass on message**
6. **Parent Logins** – too many different logins and passwords for parents to remember – **this is under investigation and we will look at it** – MA.

Dates of next meetings – 5.30 – 6.30pm

Thursday 11 November

Wednesday 12 January

Wednesday 9 March

Meeting closed at 6.45pm