

**Parent Voice Team Meeting - The Bourne Academy**

**Wednesday 26 April 2023 – 5.30 – 7.00pm**

Actions – in yellow

**Attendance**

**Present:** Jackie Beer, Hayley Betteridge, Caroline Gobell, Cristina Marques, Lisa Philogene-Jones, Alison Morris, Wendy Punal, Mark Avoth. Katherine Spicer, Lisa Wansbrough.

**Apologies:** Abbe Bladon, Laura Gillingham, Gina Smart.

**Welcome**: to everyone and to JB/HB from the pastoral team.

**Update on Previous Actions (March 2023)**

* **Strikes –** continuing as published and as communicated by the Academy, for Yrs 11/13 and vulnerable students to access the site, everyone else on line.
* **CJI Shoes –** CG gave feedback to MA for CJI.

**Pastoral Update**

1. **Head of Calshot House** – new recruit: Martha Tavinor joining the HoH team
2. **Attendance Nudge Letters** – Over 2 days parents were invited in to discuss removing barriers to attendance – a very positive outcome on both sides (current attendance is 91.9% - below 90% is classes as persistent absence)
3. **LGBTQ** – club session every half term offering peer support and a safe space
4. **Young Carers** – 90 YCs currently on the books which equates to 10% of total students – they meet every Tuesday lunch and for occasional trips – current plans for careers visits, ice cream party and a trip to Monkey World
5. **Student Council** – meets every 3 weeks – very positive and outcomes are fed straight back to MA. All officers provide fantastic links between staff and students.
6. **Counselling** – we have a very good current model were students meet every fortnight with an external organisation (mental health experts) offering mental health support, or support for relationships, CBT, anxiety and bereavement. We now have no counselling waiting list at all.
7. **Shine** – Joint work with AFCB and intervention with Colourworks.
8. **Transition** – we have strong links with primary schools regarding students coming for Yr 7 – all newcomers have started their tours and Steps to ASPIRE.

**Principal’s Briefing**

1. **Admissions – 560 applications for September 23 –** so we’re full again with 87 refusals and 26 Appeals to process (4 of the appeals are owing to the success of the MiSST programme). We are only one of 2 non-selective schools which is full.
2. **Peer Review –** we underwent a brilliant recent peer review process – inviting senior leaders from Twynham, Poole High, the Grammars. They were delighted with what they saw, and took away some new tools to their schools.
3. **Outdoor Education –** there’s a new Fitness Trail/Assault Course, bird boxes, gazebo, shelter, 200 new trees to form the shape of an outdoor theatre. CG to arrange visit next PVT meeting on 14 June
4. **MiSST 10th Anniversary Concert** – incredible event at the Theatre Royal Drury – a handful of TBA MiSST students chosen to perform with over 150 students on stage, from UK wide. Andrew Lloyd Webber spoke and played – also present: Julian Lloyd Webber, Jason Donovan, Simon Cowell, Gareth Malone – a wonderful experience for students, their parents, and staff.

**Other news**

* **£20K funding** – received from Active Dorset for outdoor/sports equipment
* **Battle of the Bands** – TBA came 2nd place
* **Latest Trips** – Skiing in Italy (x 44 students) and Malaga in Spain (x 19 students) – both fantastic
* **JP Morgan** – degree apprenticeship awarded to a TBA 6th former
* **Commonwealth Service at Westminster Abbey** – 8 students represented TBA brilliantly
* **Business Breakfast** – networking function for Careers and industry contacts
* **Canford 100 years –** helping Canford Celebrate their centenary – attending the Salisbury Cathedral concert – CG to report back on collection donation to TBA.

**Financial Update**

Current bank balance approx £2200, including Bingo money

**Fundraising Requests – No new requests**

**PVT Events/Fundraising Updates:**

**Spring Bingo – Thursday 23 March 2023 - Feedback**

* **Fantastic event** – enormous thanks to Lisa PJ for leading the event and to Alison and all PVT members for assisting – raised **£800 profit** – officially the most successful fundraising event we’ve ever held
* **Notes for next year (**thanks Lisa for offering again!!) :
  1. Chip shop happy to do a Friday night next time – pick date in September – Easter ‘24?
  2. Play Bingo Bango next time (some dancing involved!)
  3. Expand to use the whole sports hall – maximise revenue – 6 more tables
  4. Donate chocolate or a £1, but not combine it with another mufti if possible

**Transition Evening for New Yr 7 parents**

* Thursday 29th June – 5.30-7.30pm – KS offered to be at a stall, signposting and dealing with enquiries – KS check date?
* CG to prepare bunting, enquiry forms, PVT signage

**AOB:**

* **Staff names on website** – MA/CG to discuss this again with SLT – full list of names
* **Absent texts –** some sent in error – was discussed. Action: if an error text is sent to parents, SEND will text a follow up to alert parents it was an error.
* **General public positive feedback on facebook** – from parents about TBA ……… there’s no bullying, everything dealt with efficiently, staff on emails all the time, including Sunday nights. MA to pass on comments.

**Dates of next meeting**

* Wednesday 14 June 2023: 5.30-6.30pm