

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

**Wednesday 4 October 2023 – 5.30 – 6.50pm**

Actions – in yellow

**Attendance**

**Present:** Kelly Franklin, Jacqueline Brown, Caroline Gobell, Cristina Marques, Lisa Philogene-Jones, Wendy Punal, Katherine Spicer, Alison Morris, Mark Avoth, Lisa Cheeseman, Serena Durrant, Sarah Howlett, Sarah Early, Louise Minor, Sven Schwadron.

**Apologies:** Becky Withers.

**Welcome**: to everyone, especially new Yr 7 parents, and to KF/JB from the pastoral team.

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

* **ASPIRE awards information –** agreed to come earlier in the year, to work towards – KF ensure
* **House Points –** Staff and SLT aware of inconsistent point giving, working hard to standardise.
* **New Parent feedback from June –** CG passed on feedback

**Pastoral Update**

1. **Kelly Franklin new role** – now sitting on Leadership Team as Assistant Principal for Inclusion, as well as doing previous work – focusing on inclusion across all abilities
2. **ASPIRE card** – successful pilot, now being brought in for all year groups (watch inside cover of planner). ‘instant gratification’ points for doing the right thing – a full card means rewards.
3. **PTC programme** – starts next week for Yrs 7/8, meeting tutors – Yr 7 in the Hall, Yr 8 in the Hub. If tutor happens to be a teacher also, involved in teaching at that time, then you’ll be made aware and you should email with any queries. MA to raise at staff briefing on Friday
4. **Yr 7 great start** – grown in confidence already
5. **ASPIRE Day** – off normal lessons on Friday 20 October – focus on careers and practical techniques

**Principal’s Briefing & Discussion**

1. **Yr 7 Settling in** – best Yr 7 settling time in MA’s nine years as head – great attendance figures so far and not one single detention for 3.5 weeks at the start. Well done parents!
2. **Oversubscribed** – we had 24 appeals on over 180 students on the waiting list
3. **Covid** – rising again amongst staff and students, we’re keeping an eye. We would send a letter if the situation changes.
4. **Friday postcards** – we are now sending approx. 80 positive praise postcards home every Friday, from any member of staff who wants to praise someone. Very positive feedback.
5. **Memorial Celebration** – we renamed the Dance Studio and held a memorial celebration tea for Miss Affolake Lewis former/late Head of House and Dance Teacher. A lovely, albeit melancholy occasion, with a wonderful lasting legacy to a brilliant person and highly valued member of our community. Thank you to all staff, students and friends who supported the afternoon. (upcoming event on 31st October at HALO, over 18s)
6. **MiSST Continues** – new trumpets to year 7s (sorry!) and we’re still going with flutes and violins too. there will be live music performances in assemblies this year.
7. **Open Evening** – Big thanks to KS, LPJ and WP who so kindly ran the PVT stall and gave their time on the night. 970 guests in biblical wind and rain – our best ever and record numbers! Feedback extremely positive and everyone saying TBA will be their first choice. Staff knowledge was so positively noticed. Any feedback or improvements – do email us. Discussed lengthening the evening, but decided to make the Principal’s talk shorter!
8. **Transition Process –** SH commented that it was faultless and infinitely better than any other school – postcards, seeds, packs, letters, etc – making yr 6 children feel so proud, lucky and excited to have got a place. LPJ said there are 122 Yr 7 parents on the Yr 7 facebook page – LPJ re-posts from TBA main social accounts to the Yr 7 page. Comment: perhaps don’t put important SCOPAY reference numbers on a letter in the Transition packs on the night – too important to lose (which many of them did!!). CG to pass on this feedback.

**Other News**

1. **New Honour Boards** – showing 6th form destinations 2023, kindly sponsored by Lisa Cheeseman and family on behalf of Kingren Groundworks
2. **New photos (**and canvases on walls and new video on homepage)

**Financial Update**

Current bank balance approx £1500

**Fundraising Requests**

1. **New Trophy Cabinet for Reception** – required from Ikea, £270. New parent SH very kindly arranged, during the meeting, for this to be entirely sponsored by Signs of Distinction! CG to contact SH to arrange payment and PR. A massive thank you for such a generous offer, to both SH for arranging it, and to Signs of Distinction in Christchurch.

**PVT Events/Fundraising Updates:**

1. **Transition Evening for New Yr 7 parents** – Thank you KS for running the PVT stall
2. **Open Evening – Wednesday 20 September –** thank you KS, LPJ, WP for running the PVT stall etc
3. **Box of spare trophies** – KS mentioned she knows someone with a spare box of trophies which could be donated to our Celebration evening or Performing Arts awards etc. CG to ask SLT if useful and reply to KS. Thank you very much!
4. **KPS Xmas Fayre** – Fri 8th December tbc, LPJ kindly offered to run a stall there with proceeds to PVT – thank you very much! CG liaise with LPJ on anything needed.
5. **TBA Xmas Fayre –** would have to be a Wednesday, but staff have no time to organise it themselves. If any PVT would like to organise it, staff are happy to support. All - email CG if keen to explore idea?
6. **Spring Bingo** – c/f
7. **Locker funding** – to purchase more lockers – CG to get supplier quote and speak to SH to see if there are any contacts.

**AOB:**

1. **PVT Facebook page** – CG to liaise with marketing and LPJ re LPJ taking this over and running the page
2. **List of Apps** – to send a letter home listing all parent and student apps needed at the Academy, eg. Sparx, Bedrock, Arbor, Unifrog, etc. Links, login details etc. Use page from Transition Booklet for info template. MA to arrange with CT.
3. **LPJ email address** – CG to ensure using correct one.
4. **Lockers** – MA/CG to ensure a locker info letter goes out to Yr 7s (and ensure in Transition info next year).

**Date of next meetings**

* Wednesday 8 November 2023: 5.30-6.30pm
* Wednesday 10 January 2024: 5.30-6.30pm
* Wednesday 28 February 2024: 5.30-6.30pm
* Wednesday 24 April 2024: 5.30-6.30pm
* Wednesday 12 June 2024: 5.30-6.30pm