

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

**Wednesday 28 February 2024 – 5.30 – 6.45pm**

Actions – in yellow

**Attendance**

**Present:** Tess McHugh, Hayley Betteridge, Mark Avoth, Caroline Gobell, Cristina Marques, Katherine Spicer Alison Morris, Louise Minor, Sarah Early, Lisa Wansbrough, Lisa Philogene-Jones,

**Apologies:** Becky Withers, , Serena Durrant, Wendy Punal. Sarah Howlett,

**Welcome**: to everyone, and to TMH, HBe from the pastoral team.

**Update on Previous Actions (January 2024)**

1. **House points** – see below
2. **Lockers** – agreed with ideas suggested last PVT mtg, lockers kept by students for one year, then have to pay again for another year. CG to implement and CG look at Tesco funding for a grant
3. **Boys Shoes** – some uptake on donations

**Pastoral Update**

1. **No groups** – letter gone home to ask students to avoid congregating in large groups
2. **Transition –** Places for Sept 2024, allocated on 1 March, then Postcard Steps to Aspire will be launched, running until the summer.
3. **Positive Praise Postcards –** being sent home weekly, average 60-90 per week.
4. **Aspire card –** some students fully completing them for awards, working well
5. **House points –** full review of the house point system, a new allocation sheet drawn up and beingdistributed to all classrooms and teachers – should see a more balance awarding of points from now on re numbers of points and all teachers awarding them.
6. **Dr Bike –** 45 bikes checked mechanically for free this week
7. **Bikeability –** free courses to be running this Spring – do sign up
8. **Helmets –** all students cycling or scooting, should wear a helmet.
9. **Attendance –** keep pushing this across all year groups, aiming for over 96%
10. **SEN team –** Mr Southwood making a great contribution to SEND team in new role
11. **LSA roles –** lot of applicants for new roles
12. **HBe –** leaving at Easter, sadly. SEND department will be fully staffed to cover this departure – KF will take over Transition and TMH will take over SEN with a new recruit.

**Principal’s Briefing & Discussion**

* **Appeals –** will be busy from now on, with rush for school places in September
* **Bourne Readers –** this is a new programme to give lower ability readers the chance to engage further with reading, to read to younger students and aid fluency – mostly 6th form volunteers encouraging enrichment and responsibility
* **Road Safety/School Street –** exploring a potential one way system as traffic getting worse. Looking more closely at blue badge holders paperwork and LA is liaising with us on the Travel Plan, and we’re working with KPS too. Next stage could be double yellow pips. LPJ and neighbours – please be vociferous to council with comments on parking and traffic issues in Bennion Rd.
* **Latest investments** – New black minibus, aircon in main hall and vape alarms in all toilets. (All - Be vigilant with your children on vapes: £3.95 buys 600 puffs and not all dispensers are legally permitted. Severe TBA sanctions if found).
* **Summer uniform** – investigating idea of tailored shorts for summer (watching Twynham response), or stick with PE kit on hot days – in discussion
* **Uniform in planner** – making it gender non specific in future, not boys or girls
* **Ski trip 2025** – expensive and only 2 yrs, however, currently have approx. 100 interested students for 30-40 places. Will see if we can enlarge the group, if not, possibly split between older one year, younger the next.

**Other News**

* **Careers week next week** – much activity, including ASPIRE Day on 5 March
* **Comic Relief** – raising money for our Osiligi partner in Kenya, Friday 15 March, Mufti
* **Number day** – successful raising money for NSPCC
* **First aid** – overloaded…..letter gone out, we’re teaching students to be more resilient and parents not to treat first aid team at TBA as a doctor’s surgery or A&E department.

**Financial Update**

Current bank balance - £1562

**Fundraising Requests**

No current requests

**PVT Events/Fundraising Updates:**

1. **TBA New Year Quiz –** not enough take up, so cancelled
2. **Spring Bingo** – Fri 22 March from 5pm. Food approx. 5.15-5.30pm. 30 tickets purchased via Sum Up, so far. Same format as last time – minimal ticket price, food extra cost, dabbers/cards extra cost. Bar on night, and raffle table. CG to push ticket sales to parents, students, 6th formers, staff and alumni. CG push for chocolate donations and raffle prizes. LPJ apply for drinks licence and liaise on food. John M to be the Bingo caller.
3. **Transition Night (Thurs 27 June) and Open Evening (Wed 25 Sept)** – KS kindly offered to volunteer. Another parent to help, would be great?

**AOB:**

1. **Photos on socials** – careful not to only focus on scholar activity – CG to ensure
2. **Lunch money/debt** – MA to arrange food overdrafts to be capped at £5
3. **Comms error** – scholar trip email sent in error to whole school made parents feel left out, CG to pass on
4. **Dance Show Date** – Thursday 21 March 2024

**Date of next meetings**

* Wednesday 24 April; Wednesday 12 June; 5.30-6.30pm