



## Parent Voice Team Meeting - The Bourne Academy

Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> April 2018 – 5.30-6.45pm

### Attendance

**Present:** Mark Avoth, Caroline Gobell, Simone Taghizadeh, Lerryn Gray, Linda Bennett, Susan Lockard, Tom Peacock, Lisa Cheeseman

**Apologies:** Bob Lockard (Chair), Katherine Spicer, Kelly Westerby, Calum McKinnon.

### Update on Previous Actions

1. **PVT Facebook and PVT e- mail account** – please continue to monitor and update facebook – CS and BL
2. **Annual fund letter** – no update. MA will speak with Conor Burns, MP.
3. **Parent log-in for Progresso** – late mark removed for J Mason. A key to explain the codes is being added for parents this week or next – TP to ensure it is added.
4. **Parking/cycling issues:** MA explained that we are moving the staff cycle shed to the Academy forecourt, between the two other sheds, to provide more cycle spaces for cyclists. The drop off bay has been bollarded to prevent parking in it. We will continue to monitor parking passes in windscreens, ensuring they are correctly displayed. Parents talked of cyclists riding on main roads after school, pulling wheelies and riding dangerously. MA to email all parents regarding this danger, and talk of it in assemblies.
5. **Uniform** – we continue to be vigilant – it is so far much better.
6. **House badges** – tutor groups were very positive and all students like the idea. Discussed options eg. Rucksacks, iron on badges for girls with blouses, ties with house symbols. MA to ask CJI uniform shop for ideas and report back at next meeting.
7. **Library filters** – to reassure parents that there are filters on library computers, so that students may try to search for certain things, but won't get past the filters. Also, we can look at anyone's browsing history for safeguarding purposes.
8. **Summer Camp ideas** – MA explained that we are in discussions with the West Howe Partnership Board and that they too are keen to ensure smooth and useful transition to secondary school for our local families. They are keen to get involved. The quote so far to resurrect our summer school idea is £700 per staff member per week on a 1 to 10 ratio, excluding a trip. We will proceed with costing up a 2 day summer camp, to be held on site and where local services can get involved eg. By pitching their helpdesks in specific locations around the Academy, for parent information. The idea would be to invite parents on the days too, if they wished to attend (not obligatory). Funding would come from TBA, the WHPB, and parents. MA to work out a final costing, date and itinerary.
9. **Basic First Aid for all students** – following the suggestion at PVT, it has been agreed to put a basic first aid training element into SMSC lessons for as many year groups as possible. More info to follow, MA confirming details.

### Principal's Briefing

- **Ofsted visit** – MA updated parents on the visit and content of the report. He particularly outlined the very positive comments from the Ofsted inspectors regarding Parent Engagement with the Academy, and he thanked parents once again for their input and positive relationship with the Academy. (not every school gets this good feedback from Ofsted re parents)

- **New Behaviour system** – now in place for 4 months and working well. The Isolation Room has been moved away from 6<sup>th</sup> form (6<sup>th</sup> form growth meant they needed their room back).
- **Science Labs** - £30K of external funding means that we are refurbishing three science labs this summer holidays
- **Police Cadets** – MA hosted Martin Underwood, Dorset Police Commissioner, at the Academy. A great visit resulting in our aim to be the first Dorset school to offer Police Cadets – a uniformed service. Student Council is buzzing about it and it would tie in with ACE sessions for the Academic Year 2018/19 – more info to follow (MA)
- **Parent Mail** – we've registered to use this service for at least one year and parents will be receiving a letter soon regarding how to log on/get started. It allows quicker and better communication from us to parents, and allows parents to keep all school messages centralised. All feedback at next meeting.
- **Kenya Trip** – going ahead February 2019 for five staff & ten students from 10/12 and a few from yr 9 if mature enough. Final costings and itinerary being drawn up (CG)
- **Battle of the Bands** – we won it with our band called Indecisive

### Parent Discussion/News

- **Motorbikes in car park** – SA raised that 4 motorbikes were using 4 spaces – MA has spoken to them but will investigate further.
- **Lettings parking** – SA raised that clients are parking by lawn doors, obstructing H&S. MA to speak with AA re buying/putting out more cones along that stretch of curb.
- **Mufti/Aspire Days** – LG raised, please can more information come to parents. As a new parent, they weren't told much eg. Harry Potter Day. CG to ensure that more informative and regular emails are sent to parents re Aspire days/mufti. CG also ensure ASPIRE days are covered in the welcome packs.
- **Uniform List** – LG raised, please can we add house badges onto the uniform list for new starters? CG to arrange.
- **University visits** – LC asked if all students get access to uni visits. MA explained there is a specific project (SUN) running the moment around 'disadvantage', with external funding which draws students from chosen postcodes to learn more about HE. There are plenty of other opportunities for all students to visit unis with either STARS/Careers x 3 visits, in years 9,10,11.
- **Reporting format** – LC just checking new format reports – MA confirmed just years 7,8,9 are online, others are sent in paper format, he said that the main emphasis was on providing data, not lots of writing, and that the data would be supplemented by 2 x parents evenings. LC asked for a little more detail on the report, and a specific comment from tutors or HoH about each student. MA to investigate further.
- **Postcards** – getting these in the post is lovely for the whole family and make a 'massive difference' – CG to pass on the message to office team.

### Financial update

Current bank balance £2320. Yet to bank = £210 Quiz profit and forecasted income approx. £300 from July Mufti day (50% of proceeds/ shared with Osiligi)

**Approx total by July - £2800**

### Funding Request

Two requests for funding:

1. **£300 - Boiler Suits/kit for the Greenpower Car Racing Team** – racing summer 2018. Fits with our Engineering Specialism. Agreed unanimously – thank you very much. CG to arrange and pass on good news. LC discussed private sponsorship and branding – she will be in touch.
2. **£400 – Photo Booth for Year 11 Prom** – make a massive difference to the evening, inspires future years to look forwards! Agreed unanimously – thank you very much. TP to arrange.

CG to arrange cheques.

### Fundraising Events

1. **Quiz night** - Friday 20<sup>th</sup> April (postponed from Snow/2<sup>nd</sup> March)

- Linda Bennett/Gemma Holden fantastic – well done and thank you both
- Dan a great quizmaster, questions were very good and inclusive this year
- Student helpers and Callum scoring/running – brilliant thanks.
- LB/GH and CG to hold debrief meeting with thoughts for next year.
- GH to mention Wonderfrys fish and chip shop in next newsletter – CG arrange
- Send drinks order sheets in advance next year/conforming with licence (to prevent guests bringing own drinks)
- Approx £210 profit with over 70 people attending.

**2. Sports Day – Monday 9<sup>th</sup> July**

- Parents attend
- Refreshments stall for students/staff/parents + 2<sup>nd</sup> hand uniform.
- CG has asked BL if he wants to run it – awaiting answer.

**3. Summer Mufti Day – Friday 13<sup>th</sup> July – more info to follow**

**4. Xmas Fayre – Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> November – to discuss next time. CG to book date/submit event sheet**

**Dates of next meetings – 5.30-6.30pm – Wednesdays 13<sup>th</sup> June, 12<sup>th</sup> September, 31<sup>st</sup> October.** CG to put on website PVT section and calendar.

Meeting closed at 6.45pm