

Parent Association Meeting  
Thursday 14 May 2015  
Agenda

1. Introductions

2. Apologies:

3. Co-chair, Ms Natasha Barnes

4. Review of Minutes of 5 February 2015 and Quiz Evening of 19 March 2015

5. Schools Support Officer PC Paul Rodgers

6. Updates

- Senior Leadership Team Arrangements for next academic year
- Nepal Appeal
- Somali Advice and Forum of Information (SAAFI)
- Extra-curricular activities/Trips
- Show My Homework (SMH) – It's Here!
- SIMS Learning Gateway
- LPPA Inspection 5 June 2015
- WOW TV Talks – 26 March 2015
- Work Experience Placements / Careers Days
- Co-operative Trust Forum Representation

7. What can Preston Manor do better?

8. Growing the Parent Association – Ms. Natasha Barnes  
\*To include debrief of Quiz Evening Event.

9. Parent area of website

10. AOB

Minutes from Meeting:

1. Introductions took place.
2. Apologies from PC Rodgers, unable to be here.

3. Co-chair, Ms. Natasha Barnes not present, D. Graham chaired meeting.
4. Minutes of 5 February 2015 approved by Mr Antoniou and Mrs. Laryea.
5. See Item 2 above.
6. Updates:
  - Senior Leadership Team Arrangements for forthcoming year were explained to parents. Ms. Kobel would be stepping up as acting Head and Mr. Guy Brougham had been appointed Deputy Head. A letter from Chair of Governors would be going home with students tomorrow and had already been put on website earlier in day.
  - Nepal Appeal – parents were told about Nepal Appeal taking place in school with sale of badges for £1 donation to raise money for charity.
  - Somali Advice and Forum of Information (SAAFI) – the Association was briefed on the work that had been undertaken by this organisation to support the school.
  - Extra – curricular activities / trips. An updated Excel spreadsheet was shown with trips taking place. Some parents indicated that they felt more ‘Aim Higher’ style visits should take place to raise aspirations. Others felt that year 7 students had not been provided with many trip opportunities during the year. \*It was subsequently noted after the meeting that the spreadsheet had not been fully updated and that two Aim Higher type trips had recently taken place. Mrs. Laryea also raised point of having published authors come in to work with students as happened at Wembley High.
  - Show My Homework – finally in place. Parents pleased with this product and find very helpful. All were impressed by amount of homework being set and the quality of homework. It was noted by two parents that there were still a few teachers who were not using and DG stated that he would follow this up, but it was agreed that most were consistently using.
  - SIMS Learning Gateway – Parents also very pleased with this new feature. Enjoyed logging on to see achievement or behaviour points being earned by their child each day, as well as being assured of their punctuality and attendance. Mr. Graham showcased main features of the product to those present.
  - LPPA Inspection – Mr. Graham reminded parents to LPPA Award that the school was attempting to achieve. He asked if any parents would be able and willing to be a final inspection visit on 5<sup>th</sup> June to support school in obtaining Award. They would meet with Inspector for ½ hour. Mrs Brady, Mrs. Laryea, Mr. Antoniou and Mr. Agebani agreed to meet with Inspector.
  - WOW Talks Event of 26 March 2015 – parents briefed on event and thanked for support in attending.
  - Work Experience placements / Careers Days – Mrs. Laryea thanked for volunteering for Careers Days events x 2. Students greatly appreciated hearing more about her work as DJ on Jazz FM. Ms Thames is extremely grateful for her time and enthusiasm. A plea was also made for work placements for year 10 students if anyone present was in position to offer these.
  - Co-operative Trust Forum Representation – Mr. Graham repeated his desire for the Parent Association to have a constituent seat on the Co-operative Trust Forum, however no one volunteered to do this.
7. What can Preston Manor do better?
  - Some parents stated that they were alarmed by phone calls from Attendance Officer regarding their children being absent, only to find that their child was in school and was missed off register. This often caused unnecessary stress and it was asked whether the school could review procedures to make sure that this did not happen.

- As referred to above – year7 trips and more aspirational trips to universities, especially if no family history of University study. Also, would like to see published authors come into school and work with students.
  - One Parent of Year 10 boy expressed concern about Year 11 Boys ganging up and play fighting as part of a ritual of leaving the school. She explained that her son had been anxious about this. Mr. Graham explained that the school would be on the case from tomorrow and thanked her for her email. After meeting emails sent to relevant DSDs and Leadership Team.
  - Parents also expressed their concern over reports of canteen running out of food on occasions.
8. Ms. Barnes was not able to attend. Parents spoke of enjoyment of Quiz Evening. Will continue to think of ways of growing the Parent Association.
9. Parent area of website – continued feedback asked for on ways to improve.
10. AOB – None.