

Parent Association Meeting
Thursday 17 March 2016
Agenda

1. Introductions

2. Apologies:

3. Election of Co-Chair:

4. Minutes of 28 January 2016 Future Minutes – taking of minutes

5. New Behaviour System – Update – parent request for agenda

6. Updates

- Senior Leadership Team
- Somali Advice and Forum of Information (SAAFI)
- World Book Day and Week Celebrations – March 2016
- Zebra crossing and road safety works on Forty Avenue
- Extra-curricular activities/Trips - update
- Show My Homework (SMH)
- SIMS Learning Gateway
- Co-operative Trust Forum Representation
- Behaviour in the Community
- Brent Safer Neighbourhood Project – School Conflict Mediators
- Going home at the end of the school day
- EU Referendum – In or Out?

7. Homework – Are we getting it right? Your feedback.

8. Parental Support for School

9. Student Reports

10. What can Preston Manor do better?

11. Ofsted Inspection and BSP Area Review – now on website

12. What would you like further information on? Future presenters? etc.

13. Year 11 Revision Programme

14.	Parent area of website
15.	AOB

Minutes of Meeting

1.	Introductions made.
2.	Apologies received from PC Paul Rogers.
3.	Election of co-chair raised as well as taker of minutes. No one willing to take up post at this time.
4.	Minutes were approved by Mr. Antoniou who was present at meeting.
5.	Behaviour System – parents provided with update on minor changes made to behaviour system post Mr. Ward’s briefing to the Association on 28 January 2016.
6.	<p>Updates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Senior Leadership Team – Parent Association advised on Ms. Airey being appointed Acting Deputy Head for remainder of the year. • SAAFI – update provided on the work of SAAFI within the school. Somali parents present provided with her contact details. • World Book Day Celebrations – update/summary of events provided to parents. Several parents indicated that it would have been nice if students could have dressed as characters from novels. DG stated would feed back to SLT. • Zebra Crossing and road safety works on Forty Avenue – parents updated on zebra crossing which was near completion – fully expected to be operational in one week’s time. • Extra-curricular trips – update of spreadsheet shown to parents who appeared to be satisfied with range and number of trips. • SMH – Parents pleased with, find useful. Also see AOB below. • SIMS LG – Similarly, parents happy with, find useful. Also see AOB below. • Co-operative Trust Forum – Parent Association thanked for making representation at last Co-op Trust Forum meeting. Mr. Antoniou volunteered to represent the Association at the next meeting. • Behaviour in Community – several parents raised concerns about behaviour and the community and the impact this was having on the school’s reputation. Mr. Graham informed the Association as to how the School was responding to their concerns, and that we were actively working with our Schools Support Officer, the Police, Brent, TFL, McDonalds, ASDA and other local schools. In addition, the PSHE and Citizenship programmes and assemblies had challenged students to consider their behaviour in the community and its impact on the school and others in our local community. • Linked to the above point, the school has joined two local schools (Kingsbury and Claremont) as part of a Mayor’s Office funded programme titled ‘Brent Safer Neighbourhood Project – School Conflict Mediators’. Fifteen students in year 8 have been trained and will be involved in programme over next several years. • Going home at the end of the school day – parents were urged to ensure that their sons/daughters went home directly after school unless they had enrichment clubs (referred to website) or revision lessons and that if they had any doubts as to whether these were running and that their children were attending – they should contact the school directly.

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EU Referendum – In / Out? Parents briefed that school would hold referendum on the actual day to see how students felt about issue which would be explored in Citizenship lessons during the summer term.
7. Homework – Feedback from Parents/Carers: Most parents present felt we were getting it just right, a few thought ‘too little’. A request was made and endorsed by others present that an optional ‘extension’ homework be considered for students when set by teachers.
8. Parental Support for School – parents indicated that they would be happy to support the school by volunteering to attend trips for supervision purposes so that the school could be relieved of its burden of covering lessons and the costs involved in this.
9. Student Reports – parents had several views on reports. Some staff stated that they would like a variety of reports throughout the year. Others wanted greater consistency in reporting than they felt they had previously had – though it was not entirely clear what was meant by this. There was also a request that that reports were quality assured to ensure that they were of high quality and did not include ‘banked statements’.
10. What can Preston Manor do better? Parents stated that this had been addressed in part by responses to earlier items re: homework, behaviour in community, and quality of reports provided to parents.
11. Ofsted Inspection and BSP Area Review – the Association were briefed on the purposes and outcomes of the recent inspection and BSP Area Review and the outcomes. Parents were encouraged to review the reports which were now on the school website.
12. When asked what they would like further information on in the next meeting(s) parents indicated that they would like to obtain more information on Assessment & Reporting. Mr. Graham stated that he would ask Ms. Airey or Ms. Dareve if they would be able to attend to the Association on 12 May 2016 (next meeting).
13. Year 11 Revision Programme – parents informed that DSD and HoDs would be communicating to them with proposed
14. Parents Area of Website – parents asked for feedback. No comments made on how to improve parental communications and content in this area. Parents asked to email Mr. Graham with any suggestions that they make think of post the meeting.
15. AOB: Several parents asked for SIMS Learning Gateway passwords to be sent to them as they had misplaced, forgotten, did not receive or were having problems with accounts. Two parents also requested ShowMyHomework logins.