

PRESTON MANOR SCHOOL
Co-operative Forum meeting
1 December 2014

Present:

Jonathan Bach JBa	Partnership Governor
Marion Dunmore MD	Support Staff Governor
Pushpa Mistry PM	Parent Governor
Badrun Chowdhury BCh	Parent Governor
Aman Arora	Head Boy
Lamiece Akram	Head Girl
Sarah Abou Raye	Student (WOW talks)
Mica Merid	Student (TfL)
Jalal Pamire-Muhammad	Student (Brent Youth Parliament)
Disha Dagli	Student (Behaviour Panel)
Payal Shah	Student (Behaviour Panel)
Dewanshi Maniar	Student (Behaviour Panel)
Yasmin Rahman	Student (Chair of Behaviour Panel)
Said Ali	Student (School Council)

In attendance: Dan Graham Assistant Head/Joint Chair

Clerk: Elaine Georghiades

	AGENDA ITEMS	ACTION POINTS	BY WHOM	BY WHEN
1.	Apologies for absence	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Shilpa Bilimoria 		
2.	Conflict of interest declaration	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● None declared 		
3.	Minutes of last meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Agreed as an accurate record of the meeting. 		
4.	Updates	<p>Behaviour Panel - Yasmin Rahman</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● <i>Everybody is beautiful</i> campaign launched with presentations to students starting on 17 November. The campaign aims to promote the idea that there is no such thing as a perfect body as presented in the media. This was an important 		

		campaign as a significant amount of bullying is a result of poor body image.		
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Following successful workshops delivered to children at the Lower School the panel had delivered workshops at Wembley Primary . 		
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> JBA asked if the Behaviour Panel felt the school was quick to tackle bullying and what if anything would assist them to tackle the bullying. 		
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Yasmin felt that the work of the Behaviour Panel has helped and that it makes students reflect on their own behaviour. LGBT assemblies have improved awareness and this was something which not many other schools provide. 		
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> MD felt that to demonstrate change it was useful to issue surveys. Yasmin explained that the panel had surveyed Year 7 and it had been very negative towards LBGT. When this was repeated with the same year group on reaching Year 11, the attitude was much improved. The Behaviour Panel plan to move to online forms which will enable easier collating of information. 		
		TfL Ambassadors - Mica Merid		
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The programme allows schools to have a say in how transport runs. The TfL ambassador's successful pitch had won them funding and they had decided to focus on road safety. The title of the campaign was <i>alert today and alive tomorrow</i>. 		
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The team had delivered assemblies to Year 7 to Year 9 which were considered high risk age groups. Chalk markers would be put on the road to highlight dangerous places to cross. 		
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The TfL ambassadors felt road safety awareness was particularly important as one of the lower school children was killed in a road accident. 		
		Safer Schools Officer		
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> DG gave a brief report in PC Rogers absence. DG felt that PC Rogers was a very dedicated SSO and gave excellent support via Mr Ward. 		
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Curriculum - SMSC and Teaching of British Values . These items were mentioned in light of the strong link they have with the Co-operative Trust values and principles. In view of the emphasis being placed place on schools to deliver these within schools, DG thought it was important to flag up to the Forum that the School had drafted a Statement and policies on SMSC and The Teaching of British Values. In addition the lesson observation assessment form had been amended to take account of the teaching of SMSC and Teaching of British Values. These documents were now available on the school's website. 		

		Community Matters		
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Members of the Safer Neighbourhood Team were not able to attend. Parking had been an issue and as a result signage had been ordered to highlight parking problems. This seemed to have improved parking and local residents were pleased with the change. 		
		WOW talks - Sarah Abou Raye		
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sarah informed the meeting that WOW talks were inspirational talks and the first school event was held on 27 November at Preston Manor. The turnout was very good and feedback had been very positive. 		
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The founder of a charity helping homeless people set up by a PMS student would like to speak at next event. 		
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Not about the how but about the why and offering a unique service. Speakers included Mr Hegarty, winner of a Pearson Teaching Award, Lilac Sheer, singer songwriter, an award winning digital filmmaker and the creator of Firefly. 		
		School Council - Said Ali		
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The School Council had requested an improvement to security around the Muga and as a result new CCTV cameras were being installed. 		
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Following requests from students and parents, 108 lockers have been purchased with first offers to be made to Year 7. There will be strict usage rules and students will be required to buy a padlock from school. There would be two prices for students with a lower cost for pupil premium students. 		
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Student Council felt the Munch Manor queue was too long and discussions were taking place with the Catering Manager about a second till being opened. 		
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Students reported to the Student Council that they would like to have more trips which are not as expensive as the ski trip or residential trips. Students would like reward trips to bowling etc as well as educational trips. 		
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The next meeting would take place on 5 December and would be a joint meeting with the Lower School. Alternate meetings are joint meetings and the venue rotates from upper to lower school. 		
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Lower School have school council meetings led by Ms Mitchell. 		
		Brent Youth Parliament - Jamal Mulhammed-Palmere		
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Involvement in the BYP being promoted to encourage more students. Building confidence important. 		

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Careers fair encouraged students to meet councillors and MPs especially if interested in local or national politics. 		
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Link between the School Council and BYP. 		
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reviewed the roles within the BYP and looking at the community and how they can help. 		
		Head Girl and Head Boy - Aman Arora and Lamiece Akram		
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Very honoured to be elected as Head boy and Head girl of the school and very pleased that students and staff had voted for them. They felt they had received tremendous support during their time at PMS and this role gave them an opportunity to contribute to the school community in return. 		
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No external events had been attended to date. 		
		Parents Associations		
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Some of the same issues as the Student Council raised. 		
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Early entry exam policy drafted. Feel that they have led change to homework policy. Minutes on website 		
		LPPA		
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Working towards establishing the LPPA by the summer. It had been advised Hope to establish this by the Summer. Advised to add to signage around the site to make it more friendly to visitors. 		
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The LPPA will be invited to present at the next Upper School Parent Association meeting. 		
	Timings of meetings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Governors confirmed that they preferred the meeting to be on the same day as Full Governing Body meeting. 		
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provides a useful forum for the Head boy and Head girl to feedback directly to governors. 		
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Brent Community Law and Young People's Law service update given DG in absence of representative. Working closely with Sixth Form and recently ran an Aspire event. Barristers have been working with students wanting to study Law to help with writing personal statements. 		
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WOW talks have been asked to look at running the event during period 5 to make it more accessible to students living further away. Photos from the event were shown. BCH asked if it could be adapted for the Lower School. DG 		

		confirmed that this was already under discussion.		
	Date of next meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 23 March 2014		