

PRESTON MANOR SCHOOL
Co-operative Forum meeting
24 March 2015

Present:	Lamiece Akram Aman Arora Natasha Quainoo Rhoda Ibrahim Marion Dunmore Disha Dagli Payal Shah Dewanshi Maniar Yasmin Rahman Micah Merid Rajvi Patel Said Ali	Head girl Head boy Brent Community Law and Young People's Law Service SAAFI Staff Governor Behaviour Panel Behaviour Panel Behaviour Panel Behaviour Panel TfL Ambassador Brent Youth Parliament School Council
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In attendance:	Dan Graham 	Deputy Head
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Clerk:	Elaine Georgiades
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AGENDA ITEMS		ACTION POINTS	BY WHOM	BY WHEN
1.	Apologies for absence	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pushpa Mistry - governor Badrun Chowdhury - governor Jonathan Bach - governor PC Rogers - Safer Schools Officer Matthew Lantos - Head 		
2.	Conflict of interest declaration	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> None declared 		
3.	Head boy and Head girl	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Aman felt that having the press around the school highlighted the importance of strong community and relationship with the Sixth form. Lameice felt very proud of the school and the way the issue has been dealt with. 		

4.	Updates	<p>Behaviour Panel - whole school bullying survey</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1039 students took part in an anonymous survey. 81 students reported that they were being bullied. The Behaviour Panel felt that in future they would like to modify the questions to clarify year groups, etc. • There was concern that some students indicated that they had been bullied for longer than a year. • The most frequent way of being bullied was cyberbullying especially by texting. The Behaviour Panel plan to run campaigns to target problem areas. • Concerned that 214 said would not know where to report bullying. The Behaviour Panel would be adding more posters to their notice board and sending messages to students. They reported that they were currently developing a video on bullying to be shown at PSHE lessons. • 370 students did not think the school dealt with bullying. • The Behaviour Panel would be sharing the findings with mentors, peer mentors, form tutors so they can discuss issues raised with mentees and form groups. • Mr Graham would enquire whether there would be an opportunity for the Behaviour Panel to present findings to SLT. <p>LBGT</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Respecting and celebrating diversity were the theme for LBGT and a colourful poster was designed by a member of the panel to catch student's attention. • Relating diversity to cuisines around the world to highlight diversity in other areas of life. • Mosaic presented to students in assemblies and were very well received as they related their experiences to real life situations. • 'Be like Mario' analogy was very effective and popular with students. • MD asked whether, with new honing of the survey, it would be useful to have a baseline awareness for LBGT and for this to be reviewed to see if had changed. 	DG	tbc
		<p>TFL Ambassador Programme</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pitched for road safety measures which are now being actioned at the Lower School. Road safety was particularly important to the TFL ambassadors following the death of a Lower School child in a road accident. • Assemblies on road safety were being given at both the Upper and Lower schools. 		
		<p>Community Matters</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parking at Lower School remained a problem • The school still received some complaints about litter and the forum members were encouraged to challenge litter droppers if they felt it safe to do so. 		

		WOW Talks 2 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> WOW Talks 2 would be held on Thursday 26 March and all present were invited. 		
		School Council <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Said reported that a number of issues had been resolved such as hooks on the back of toilet doors, less graffiti in girls toilets and heating in Sixth Form block is improved. Preston Manor had raised £1026 for Comic Relief which was highest on record for PMS. Whole School Council meeting was held on 20 March at the Lower School where they had met the Head of LS and brainstormed ways to have links and incorporate activities. One idea was to use the field where the LS have a Summer Fair with a suggestion to make it a whole school Fair. Another suggestion was to have a whole school Sports day. 		
		Brent Youth Parliament <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A new Chair had been elected. Individual experience guides the way members have progressed. Brent Housing Partnership had been trying to get more involved in the forum to push forward ideas especially for people who were not able to join the BYP. 		
		Parent Association <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The first Parents Association quiz evening was held on Friday 20 March with house points for those who attended. All involved felt it was an enjoyable and worthwhile event. 		
		Alumni Association <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Representative unable to attend. 		
		LPPA <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr Graham reported that an interim inspection had been successfully completed and this would lead to a final inspection on 5 June. 		
5.	SAAFI	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rhoda Ibrahim introduced the SAAFI organisation which had been set up by single Somali mothers to help each other and encourage positive integration. The group run workshops in the Somali language on a variety of topics including employment, FGM and school exclusions. The Somali community had mostly arrived as refugees in 1984 and did not understand the language or the education system. The community had increased 100% since 2011 and the Somali language was the third most spoken language in Brent behind English and Gujarati. SAAFI had started as a homework and after school club providing help with forms 		

		<p>from school and exclusions but now provides advocacy for families and runs exhibitions to raise confidence and integrate positively.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recently they had started to work positively with Preston Manor and were involved in the translation of leaflets. Working on improving parents' language skills so they can engage with the school. 		
6.	Minutes of previous meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Verified as an accurate record by MD. 		
7.	Date of next meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 13 July 2015 		
8.	AOB	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Behaviour Panel were working with the Anti-Bullying Council. Deesha was congratulated on being elected as the Chair which was very positive for PMS as it provided a good forum for discussing ideas. 		
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Behaviour Panel had presented at Teaching Leaders on several occasions which was a valuable experience for panel members and was also a good way of promoting the idea to other schools. 		
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> YPLA were looking for a web designer and were advised to speak to Aman Amora after the meeting. 		
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> MD was concerned about the reduction of parking spaces once the crossing had been finished as there was conflict about parking at Lower School already. TfL ambassadors hoped that it would encourage walking to school. DG mentioned that engineers had reviewed all aspects of the proposal before work was approved. 		
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The meeting ended at 6pm. 		