

Parent Association Meeting
Thursday 5 February 2015
Agenda

1. Introductions

2. Apologies: PC Rodgers

3. Co-chair, Ms Natasha Barnes

4. Review of Minutes of 4 December 2014

5. Mindfulness for Parents – Ms. Dunmore

6. Updates

- Resignation of Head and the Appointment of new Head
- LPPA – signage project
- TFL
- Trips
- Extra-curricular activities
- Work with Valerie Springer – Safer School Travel Planner
- Show My Homework (SMH) – It's Coming
- WOW TV Talks – 26 March 2015
- Work Experience Placements / Careers Days
- Co-operative Trust Forum Representation

7. Presentation by 'More Able' Co-ordinator Ms. Eiran Clancy

8. What can we do better?

9. Growing the Parent Association – Ms. Natasha Barnes

10. Parent area of website

11. AOB

Minutes of Parent Association Meeting 5 February 2015

1. The Chair, Ms. Barnes welcomed all parents, to include some new parents who had not attended the Parent Association previously.

- The Head, Mr. Lantos spoke to the Parent Association at the beginning of the meeting to inform them of his decision to resign as Head. He answered questions, explaining his decision and assuring them that the Governing Body, with the support of TES Pro, recruit a Head who would continue to provide strong leadership for the school and ensure its future success. The Parent Association thanked Mr. Lantos and wished him well.

2. Apologies were made by PC Paul Rodgers, the school's designated Community Support Officer, who was called into duty and unable to make the meeting.

3. See item 1.

4. The minutes of 4 December 2014 were approved by Ms. Barnes and Mr. Antoniou.

5. Ms Dunmore, introduced those present to the idea of mindfulness and its benefits to families and asked whether the Association felt this would be of some of interest to Parents. The School was considering whether it would be valuable to offer these sessions to parents.

6. Updates - see bulleted points below:

- Mr Antoniou was publicly thanked by the School for his input and support in working with the company School Signs, the Site and Leadership teams to ensure the site was made 'more friendly' to visitors through signage.
- TFL – the school continues to engage with TFL and as part of this engagement the school has marked Road Safety Month with student ambassadors presenting in assemblies. There is also a large scale project that will being on Carlton Avenue East outside the lower school to enhance road safety in this area.
- In light of concerns expressed regarding what some members of the Parent Association thought to be a lack of school trips, Mr. Graham presented parents with an update of all the trips that have gone out over the school year to this period. Parents were surprised by the number and variety of trips that have gone out. An updated version will be shown again at the next meeting.
- Show My Homework – Mr. Graham explained that the migration over to a new Information Management System was a huge undertaking for the school but hoped that the school would be able to implement this new programme after the Easter break, and parents would now be able to view their child's homework timetable and obtain guidance on how this should be completed by teachers.
- WOW TV Talks – a second WOW TV Talks event will take place on 26 March and parents were encouraged to attend this event.
- Mr. Graham asked parents and carers present if they were able to offer work experience placements to Year 10 students in June, as the school is often looking to find new placements for students. Parents were also invited to offer their services for attending Careers Days, and Rosemary Laryea, a regular attender of the Parent Association was highlighted as having attended a recent Careers Fair which she greatly enjoyed.
- The Parent Association was asked to consider making representation at the next Co-operative Trust Forum meeting to take place on 24 March, 5pm – 6pm.

7. Ms. Eiran Clancy, the School's newly appointed 'Most Able/More Able' Co-ordinator presented to parents as requested in previous meeting. Her presented was gratefully received by parents and is now on Parent Association area of website.

8. (i) Parents expressed a concern again that the toilets could be cleaner and two parents indicated that their children did like using these facilities.
9. Growing the Parent Association – there was discussion led by Ms. Barnes on how the Parent Association could increase its numbers. One idea which was proposed was to try an alternative evening – a Friday evening and to run ‘an event’. A Quiz Night was decided upon and parents would be encourage to attend through the offer of house points being awarded to their children if they attended. Mr. Graham stated he would investigate feasibility of and ensure that the Main Hall was available. He would also try to obtain funding for some refreshment on the evening. The proposed evening was Friday, 20 th March, and would replace the meeting scheduled for 19 th March.
10. The Parent Association was asked to review the Parent area of the website and make any suggestions on how this could be improved upon.
11. AOB – the meeting ended at 8:05