



School Forum Meeting Minutes

Tuesday 9th October 2018, 6pm



Attendees: C. Skinner, T. Saltern, D. Barton, S. Hall

1. SH welcomed attendees and gave out leaflet detailing the forum set up and dates for this academic year.
2. SH talked the parents through the Trauma Informed School Training the teaching staff have had. This will be the new Government funded programme, replacing THRIVE. Please have a look at the website for more information.
<https://traumainformedschools.co.uk/>
3. SH explained this was more of a whole school approach than THRIVE and is based around the emotional availability of all adults in school. Mrs Austin will continue to work as our Trauma Informed Practitioner on a 1-2-1 basis for any further pastoral care, as identified by school.
4. SH asked the parents for any feedback on Health and Wellbeing fortnight. Positive mentions for the breakfasts, beach day, Tesco visit and mindfulness.
5. SH showed the parents the 2018 assessment data now available online and talked them through. SH expressed what a good position we were in. Data was on a rising trend and broadly in line or above national figures.
6. SH fed back on parent questionnaires given out in the Summer Term.
7. CS said communication had improved a lot in the last 12 months and appreciated the efforts we had gone to, particularly the weekly news which was very useful.
8. DB asked whether parents wanted more homework. CS said current expectation for reading, spellings, times tables and home challenges if wanted was enough. TS said there is also Mathematics in KS2.
9. TS said the after school clubs offered were excellent and varied and she was really happy with the care given by BROCKS.



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Attendees: J. Bacon, S. Lucas, K. Luxton, M. Carey, L. Mills, C. Cole, F. Abbiss, K. Callis, H. Eustice, A. Silver, J. Silver, P. Stewart, K. Dyson, R. James, J. Dunstan, S. Durnall, L. Edward-Collins, A. McCutcheon.

1. Points 1,2, and 3 as above.
2. SH asked the parents for any feedback on Health and Wellbeing fortnight. CC said the breakfasts and wake up were great. AS suggested doing wake up before eating. SH said it formed a good ending to the event but would consider this for next year. KL said that Daya's visit was well received and asked if she could have the potato curry recipe. SH will get hold and put on social media.
3. LM asked why walking bus had not happened in first week. SH explained this was a staffing issue and apologised. LM suggested that doing this at the beginning of the year was a really great way to encourage walkers and discourage driving which was adding to the parking problem.
4. CC asked if parents could be made aware again of drop off facility and how this works. SH said she would put in the up and coming newsletter. LM asked if people parking could be aware of where they are parking because it can mean that people are having to walk unsafely onto the road. SH will add to segment in newsletter. SH asked that any confrontations with parking should be reported to the police. They are aware and SH will be contacting them to come up to school immediately before 8.45 and 3.30pm. KL said that some families were parking in the staff carpark and leaving before Mrs Austin came out so were going unnoticed by staff. SH said she would monitor this and if need be we would close the car park off using cones. MC asked if there could be a reminder about the one way system. SH agreed. AS said that the Hawksfield Bus was moving off whilst there were children still walking around. SH will contact them.
5. HE talked parents through the questionnaire results. Parents agreed communication was better. LM said that communication about signing up to Girls Choir was lacking as she was unaware it was voluntary and would have encouraged signing up. CC echoed this and said the girls in Y4 didn't sign up as they thought it was every lunch time. AM explained Mrs Arnold had been having extra rehearsal this week in the build up to their performance on Friday. SH said she would add it to the club list in the Spring Term so parents could encourage attendance.
6. MC expressed that her children missed Outdoor Learning, it was very sad and how would the children be continuing to have those experiences. SH re-iterated it was very sad and explained that classes would no longer be having dedicated Outdoor Learning time but she was ensuring that children were spending time outside and opportunities were taken to experience the environment. LM suggested the FOSB fundraiser for children to have Outdoor Learning Days. SH explained that there would be activities across school that provided children with the opportunity to experience these things e.g. Residentials, FS2 day at Cotton Wood, Y5 and Y6 Girls Our Girls Can and Y5 Boys Active Day. All the children would be regularly using the school environment to enhance their learning in creative ways. SH felt that the staff provided a creative, enriching curriculum and some of the perceived 'outdoor learning' was part of topic work that would be continuing. However, the children would not be having a dedicated hour and class teachers would not be teaching the fire building skills. If there were specific areas parents felt were missing SH would welcome their feedback. RJ recommended Forest School Days at Cardinham Woods, which were on over half term. CC said she was also disappointed Outdoor Learning was no longer happening but must remember this was not a Steiner School. PS expressed disappointment in how Mrs Blackburn's departure was communicated to parents as she felt they were told in one way and then found out it was another and should have known it was a financial constraint. SH explained that it was communicated in a way to be sensitive to all those involved.
7. PS asked for clarity over lunchboxes and nuts in school. SH said she would put clear details in the newsletter.
8. PS asked whether Christmas Performance dates were available. SH said they would be on eSchools asap.
9. LM asked if we could keep an eye on charity events and space them out, particularly so there weren't any on the same day. This happened with a school and FOSB event. SH said she would look more closely at this.