OFPA Council Meeting

Tuesday 12th September 2023

Agenda Items

- Key dates for the academic year including dates for residentials
- On MCAS pay the club payments are under products but there is only art club on there so do we just pay however many days of clubs by paying for art club 3 times?
- There was a mix up at lunch on Monday last week where some classes weren't called for lunch and had to all have lunch at the same time, what happened?

Previous Meeting

Last meeting was on Tuesday 13th June
Items discussed were:

Multi-faith space for pupils

Teachers strike

Veronica's project with parents

Parents lunch with children where groups of parents/ carers are invited in to have lunch with the pupils

This will be repeated throughout the year on a rota as it was very popular last academic year. So one week year 6, one week year 5 and one week year 4 and so on.

Kevin felt it was nice for the parents to have lunch with children and there was a lot of positive feedback about the lunches.

Academy Council Members Elections

Some academy council members posts are up for election this academic year.

Kevin would like to encourage other parents and carers to join the school academy council.

The Thursday parents group - Dawud suggested going and meeting the group to encourage others to join the academy council.

But it is recognised that the parents and carers coffee morning has it's own vibe and Shabina is talking about potential fund raising for the group to make them the drivers for the Summer and Winter fayres.

Kevin will try to get some quotes from existing or past academy council members to talk about the benefits of being part of the academy council as a way of encouraging others to join.

Positive feedback from parents to go into the newsletter? Sakiya gave some excellent positive feedback about how staff have been very supportive to her and her son and asked Kevin to pass it on to the admin team.

Kevin to do a flyer for the academy council and me and Sakiya to do a quote for the flyer

Key Dates for the Year

Kevin talked about a rolling calendar of events at the school and maybe use Google calendar so parents and carers can access the key dates for the year as they come up.

Residentials

Yr 6 are in the process of setting a date for their residential but it will be within UK and there is a meeting next week to discuss the details.

Yr 4 will be 8th July to 10th July and 15th to 17th July.

Payment system for after school clubs

There seems to be an issue where parents/ carers are unable to pay for all the different clubs on the MCAS system. Kevin will speak to Tracy to resolve this.

Lunch time confusion

The reception children go in first to the dinner hall, but as this is their first time they have been collected and walked to the dinner hall to have their dinner, so it takes a little longer as previously they had their lunches in the class.

Year 5/6 had lunch 1.15pm which is a little later as the reception take a while to eat their dinner at this time of year but this usually settles down once they know what the routine is. It just takes a while to adjust but after a week or two it will be fine.

They come in to lunch early initially but this still takes time.

Kevin Feedback on Start of New Academic Year

Generally it has been a good start of the year. Attendance has been good. The first Thursday was a bit low but by Friday it was up to 95% and Monday last week 96% and considering how hot it has been that is quite good. Kevin remarked it is always hard after summer to have to get back into the routine of being at school.

RAAC in School Buildings

The school doesn't have the RAAC so there are no issues with the structure of the building.

New COVID Variant

Kevin said the school will follow the guidance they have been given at the time but it is very unlikely there will be a lockdown again as the strategy is to live with it and isolate if tested positive for COVID.

The date for the next Academy Council Meeting is Tuesday 7th November