

Parents' Council

Minutes of Meeting held Monday 9 July 2018

Attendees: Mrs N Edwards
Dawn Bellis
May May Sung
Lara Seymour
Dee Aldons
Laura Draper
Sally Clargo

Apologies: Toni Meadows
Sarah Harris

1.0 Welcome and apologies were made for today's meeting.

2.0 Previous Minutes

No issues with previous minutes.

With regards to Parents' Council 2018/19, we are still keen to have 2 Reps per year group. Those who have volunteered to stay onboard are very much welcome with the 2nd post to be advertised in September. Should more than 1 volunteer come forwards, it will be taken to a vote within that year for 2nd placement. As it currently stands, the year group representatives for each year group 2018/19 are currently as follows:

EYFS - *both positions vacant*
Y1 - *both positions vacant*
Y2 - Laura Draper / *A N Other*
Y3 - Dee Aldons / *A N Other*
Y4 - *both positions vacant*
Y5 - Laura Draper / *A N Other*
Y6 - May May Sung / Lara Seymour

Chair: Dawn Bellis

Rep photos will be taken at our next meeting for classroom window/noticeboard purposes.

3.0 Visions & Values

Mrs Edwards advised that the school may be subject to a potential SIAMs (Statutory Inspection for Anglican & Methodist Schools) 2018/19.

With the departing of Mr Withams, Miss Whitley is taking in the role of RE Collective Worship. She is working closely with the School Council with regards to the Visions & Values at St Andrews and the reading 1 Corinthians, Chapter 3 Verse 7. From this, the termly values will then alternate between:

- Honesty
- Resilience
- Responsibility
- Self Control
- Empathy
- Equity

A letter will be sent out on ParentPay, updating Parents/Carers of the new Visions & Values and inviting them to come forwards with any ideas/suggestions and input from home.

The possibility of an award each term or month for any children demonstrating the values was discussed, along with the production of classroom/hall displays. The idea would then be that the RE Curriculum would be matched to the terms' values, and also the School Eucharist Service be tailored accordingly.

Everyone will be invited to have an input into the Schools' Visions & Values, which will be presented at the first Eucharist Service next academic year.

4.0 Loaning of PE Kits

Issue was raised of loaning of PE kits and that a child was late for their PE class due to loaning an item to another year group and having to wait for them to change back.

It was agreed that this should not be an acceptable option for reasons being:

- Hygiene
- Teaching and encouragement of organisation and responsibility. Certainly for the older children who get their own bags ready, to sit out of a PE class for lack of kit would have a greater impact on them remembering for next time, rather than the ethos of knowing they will be able to just borrow some from somewhere.

5.0 French

Dawn enquired about the studying of French within St Andrews and if anybody had taken it on since the departure of Miss Horsfall. It is only KS2 children who have French with their year group teachers, although this is not compulsory as per the Governments National Curriculum.

La Jolie Ronde is an external French Tutorial scheme which used to come into St Andrews as an after school club and has since expressed interest in returning should there be interest from children and parents/carers.

6.0 Y6 Residential Trip

The current Year 6 have returned from a very successful trip to the Isle of Wight, with thanks to Mr Withams, Mr Astill, Mrs Najafi and Mrs Hopkins who all accompanied the children.

At present the trip for 2018/19 is currently unconfirmed. Dawn said that although interest had been expressed in researching other options, some parents are also still happy to continue with the idea of the Isle of Wight. There is however, an anticipated price increase for this trip next year. Mr Astill and Mrs Sanguy are researching alternatives, with a request from the current Year 5 Parents' Council Reps for it to include both a variety of activity/non activity (passive) based days.

7.0 School Collections

There are currently a number of collections operating within the school. It was discussed and suggested that the year group reps as a whole generally organise an end of year collection for their allocated year group teacher as this is something they very much like to do as opposed to being expected to do.

Any other collections within school will usually be organised by Staff themselves and/or relevant Committees where applicable, notice to which will usually come from School or Parents' Council Reps. These are entirely of a voluntary nature, and it is very much appreciated that at times children/families may wish to make their own personal contributions.

8.0 AOB

May May questioned if there is a "Homework Policy" in place at St Andrews. Mrs Edwards advised there is, and that it is currently being updated to a "Home Learning Policy". The idea is that this would be online and interactive for the children, encouraging them to learn rather than the concept of "working at home".

The provision of a Homework Club is being discussed to enable all children to have access to computers should they not always be able to facilitate within their home environment.

Mrs Edwards also advised that over the summer holidays, money will be spent on a School server upgrade, and the provision of Windows 10 to all the classroom computers.

We are still looking for a volunteer to kindly come forwards for the basic analysis of the Care & Maintenance Fund – anybody interested please contact the School Office.

The issue of the present hot weather was discussed. Children are encouraged as always, to bring their water bottles into School and that these will be accessible at all times within the classrooms. Also during the particularly hotter days tie removal will be accepted when deemed necessary and appropriate.

The issue of children within Year 6 and the continuation of their studying post SATs was raised; in particular aimed at those students who maybe more able and the provisions of extra support for them in class prior to their transition to Y7. This was also commented upon for the more able children throughout the School as a whole. A suggestion of being able to view the childrens' books throughout the year was made, which is already currently an option in place as long as arrangements are made with the relevant class teacher.

9.0 Next Meeting

Scheduled for Monday 1 October 2018, starting @ 2pm
(Rep photos to be taken)