



The Mosley Academy

Parent Forum Group

Minutes – Thursday 26th September 2019

Welcome and Apologies

MB welcomed AC (Deputy HT), CA, SI, EA, CP, LS.

Apologies from KR.

MB distributed the group Terms of Reference for review. CA suggested highlighting the sentence about the group 'not being a forum for complaints' in bold text.

All present agreed the TOR were accurate.

Well-Being Award for Schools (WAS)

MB explained the WAS and asked if any members of the Parent Forum could become part of our 'change team'. All agreed to be available if needed. CP mentioned a training day she attended run by Professor Steve Peters – 'Chimpman'. She highly recommended it for parents and staff, and also said he has done work for children. CA agreed that he is excellent. MB to make an enquiry for the JTMAT training day. LS asked where in the classroom the worry boxes are as her daughter is reluctant to use it in case children see her. AC explained that it is in a good position but she will make sure children feel they can use it.

E-safety Group

MB explained the benefits of having parents involved in e-safety. All agreed. CP said how good the training for parents was last time the school ran it. Could we do again? CA suggested a parent session run by a member of staff from JTMAT. Also suggested that there could be some centralised training for all MAT school parents to access. MB explained that this was discussed but the Headteacher group felt parents would be more likely to attend if it were at their own school. MB and AC said they would put an e-safety session in the diary.

AOB

MB explained he has read some of the posts on Facebook about school uniform and was disappointed and upset to read comments about him that are untrue. MB showed the parents the current uniform and how it differs significantly from the alternatives. All parents were in agreement that we must keep our uniform from the same supplier as the colour is so much better than the alternatives. EA said that we don't want to change just because a small minority of parents have complained on Facebook. CP said that the vast majority of parents like the uniform colour and are really proud with how smart all the children look, especially when they are all together.

SI recommended a parent new to the school would be good for the vacant Reception space on the Parent Forum Group. SI to approach.

MB and AC thanked all for attending.

Date of next meeting

Wednesday 4th December at 3pm.



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MB (HT) introduced himself and asked AC (Deputy HT), CA, SI, EA, KR NM to introduce themselves as this is NM's first meeting.

Apologies from CP, LS.

Well-Being Award for Schools (WAS)

MB asked parents their thoughts on parent health checks. All agreed they are a good idea and they think a lot of parents will take up the opportunity. CA suggested including tea/coffee and other well-being activities for parents on the same day. MB agreed this was a good idea and will decide on a date.

SRE (Statutory Relationships Education)

MB explained SRE for September 2020. A guidance leaflet for parents and carers was distributed and all parents agreed this should be sent out as a paper copy to all parents. CA asked if sex education is statutory. MB explained not. AC gave out Jigsaw lesson overviews for each year group and explained how Jigsaw covers all areas of SRE, including vocabulary and diagrams of parts of the body. CA agreed with the importance of using the scientific words also for a safeguarding perspective. KR felt it is important that children go to secondary school with knowledge, to keep them safe. KR suggested parents might want to talk to their children before the Jigsaw lessons. EA talked about the importance of the science – even if e.g. there are 2 Dads / 2 Mums the science of making a baby is important. AC showed parents an example Jigsaw lesson plan on the computer screen. CA asked how many families do with think may opt out of sex education. MB/AC didn't think it would be many. Parents suggested that if they did opt out then those children would need to be removed while the rest of the class continued the lesson. CA/SI said factual science is very important. MB is to find out what the other MAT schools are doing with Jigsaw and the sex education aspects.

AOB

World Book Day. CA suggested different things we could do instead of dressing up as she doesn't feel everyone enjoys it. MB explained we are suggesting the 'props' idea this year. We will review for next year.

Date of next meeting

Thursday 30th April at 2.45pm.