

Parental involvement meeting Thursday 9th May 2019

Parents present: E Sainsbury

S Sheppard

A Tench

L Kilgour

A M Cansfield

J Birjoo

Staff: Mr J Phillips

Mrs J Curran

Mr Phillips opened the meeting with a discussion on how to improve the academy and said how parent's views were important. It was suggested that after discussions today this would create an agenda for the next meeting.

- Fundraising for the academy was the first point of discussion. Parents agreed to be involved but suggested more guidelines were needed:
The purpose of the fund raising?
Where the funds would go?
To see an end product?
- Many fund raising activity suggestions were made by parents and taken on board for consideration by the leadership team.
- It was suggested by Mr Phillips that the academy would be responsible for raising money for the chosen charities and parents would be involved raising money for the academy. Mr Phillips and Mrs Gordons would think of something appropriate for the parents to raise money towards.
- Parents said they would like to contribute to the summer fair and be part of this. It was agreed that this would be a focus for the next meeting.
- Communication was also discussed, parents mentioned some classes post more on twitter than others.
- Parents liked that all the major dates were sent out for the next term as it made it easier for them to arrange their working schedule around the school events.
- Reward post cards were suggested by parents as a way of communicating with parents regarding positive behaviour.
- Parents consultation meeting:, it was suggested that the meetings should be held in the classrooms rather than the hall as more privacy. Mr Phillips agreed that this would be more beneficial and would put it into action for the next parents evening.
- Parents spoke about how they were pleased that new leadership is having a positive impact and how they like that they are being invited into the academy for several events. They could see definite improvements in general as well as in communication.
- Parents spoke about and concerns over the turnover of staff. Mr Philips said that the classes in question now have stable teaching who would be with us until at least the end of the

year. The academy is currently reviewing its staffing and will be sharing this with the parents as soon as they can.

The meeting closed with Mr Phillips thanking the parents for their contributions and stating that the next meeting as it stands would have two clear focuses.

1. The organisation of the summer fair.
2. Parents views on how appropriate the homework that the academy provides its children is.

The date of the next meeting will be Thursday 7th June, 2019.