

LEIGH ACADEMY PARENTS GROUP

Minutes Of meeting held on Monday 5th March 2018

Attendees - Academy Staff	
Mr Lindars	Head of Darwin College
Mr Piggott	Assistant Head of Brunel College
Attendees - Parents	
Kerry Bates	LAPG Chair – Brunel
Claire Johnson	LAPG Vice Chair - Darwin
Ruth Ford	LAPG Secretary – Darwin
Sarah Hitchings	Davinci
Kim Semple	Chaucer
Stacy Goodwin	Davinci
Sarah Jones	Chaucer
Julie Rodgers	Davinci
Natalie Bayford	Brunel

MINUTES

- **Welcome and apologies**
Kerry welcomed everyone and gave apologies for those absent.
- **Minutes of previous meeting – agreed.**
- **Response to previous Questions Raised at last meeting**

Q- Can we ensure that the parent forum is included in the next newsletter. Need to advertise more and update the website.

R – *Mr Lindars confirmed that the LAPG would be presented in the next newsletter and a picture was taken of attendees*

- **Academy Staff Updates**
 - ‘League of Excellence’ Mr Piggott talked through this initiative in more detail. All positive and negative marks are now recorded directly onto BROMCOM. Currently looking at rewards for top achievers in each college and would like

input from the LAPG for ways of fundraising or seeking sponsorship towards the prizes from local businesses

- Mr Lindars talked through the Academy module 3 Dashboards. On target to reach above national average in English and maths, Grades 9 – 4 (equivalent of A* to C). Continued lower numbers of Fixed Term Exclusions
- The level 3 Bikeability was a huge success. 19 students took part and all passes. The Academy received really good feedback on the students that took part in the course.
- Show my Homework will gradually be replaced by google classroom and BROMCOM. Discussion around homework not being marked/handed in etc.
- Mobile Phone Policy – Mr Lindars asked the LAPG to discuss mobile phone policy and to see if they have any ideas to address the over-use of mobile phones.

- **Members Questions / Discussion points**

Q-Can the Academy look into more online tools for homework eg. MyMaths?

A-Mr Piggott explained there is a new tool being used for Science for the Year 9+ called Tassomai. Mr Piggott to provide feedback on this at the next meeting

Q-Will there be any further Bikeability courses run?

A –Yes, looking to run another course in April/May. This will be published in the newsletter

Q-Are Year 9 exams going ahead (a lot were cancelled due to the bad weather)?

A –Yes, mid year assessments are taking place, however these are being held in class rather than in hall

7:20pm Mr Lindars & Mr Piggott left

- **Members discussions**

Main topic of conversation was ideas for fundraising for the League of Excellence prizes. The LAPG came up with the following ideas to be progressed/discussed with the Academy staff:

- Quiz Night
- Non-school uniform day for sports relief
- Writing to local companies to ask for either sponsorship or donations for prizes – such as Gravity; Dartford FC (foot golf)
- Goals for free pizza nights

Mobile phone policy was also discussed. No ideas come up with. All to go home to think about.

Actions Captured

Actions	Who	Status
Provide Feedback on Tassomai	Mr Piggott	Open
Speak to Mr Lindars about non school uniform or Sports wear day	Kerry Bates	Open
Come up with an idea to reduce mobile phone use	All	Open
Try to bring someone along to the next meeting	All	Open
Investigate with the academy is already set up as a charity or is there something we need to do to make this happen	Kerry Bates	Open

Action from Previous Meetings	Who	Status
Look at why Reports were published without grades on BROMCOM	Mr Lindars	Open
Share the 1-9 grade information with this forum	Mr Lindars	Open
Ensure message goes out about the next Parent Forum 1 week	Kerry Bates	Open

prior to meeting and then a reminder on the day – Message went out to parents but not one week before due to the snow day closures		
Look at ways of promoting this forum to engage new parents – Look at updating website	Ruth Ford	Ongoing
Reminder to Academy Staff to wear Lanyards at all times	Mr Lindars	Re-Opened
Ensure the next communication re LAPG meeting is clear to avoid confusion	Kerry Bates	Closed
Think about what we want from this forum and how we can encourage more parents to come	All	Ongoing

Meeting ended 7.30pm
Next meeting 6.30pm Monday 30th April 2018

Kezzabates@yahoo.co.uk - Kerry Bates (Chair)
johnson386@sky.com – Claire Johnson (Vice Chair)
ruthford1@sky.com – Ruth Ford (Secretary)