

LEIGH TECHNOLOGY ACADEMY **PARENTS COUNCIL**

Minutes of meeting held on Monday 9th January 2012

Attendees:

Academy staff: Sharon Waterman - Principal Darwin

Parents:

BRUNEL: Linda King, Tracy Roblett

**CHAUCER: Michael Holmes, Ann Burch, Sharon Coles, Glenda philpot,
Sandy Taylor, Tim Field, Jacqueline Ellis**

DA VINCI:

DARWIN: Lindsey Deakin,

Apologies: - Mo Jenson, Emma Isidorou, Wendy Rose

Minutes

1. Welcome and apologies

Michael welcomed everyone and introduced Principal Sharon Waterman

2. Feedback from previous meeting

Grades for Behaviour:

An explanation of the grades 1 is lowest 10 highest, gives indication of grades. Traffic lights will be back once web site problem fixed.

School trips if there are a limited number of places this is always added to the letter distributed to parents.

SW detailed each Colleges award/merit scheme these are very different for each college. SW will discuss with Chaucer Principal as they are apparently giving merits out but this was not part of Chaucer's policy.

ACTION SW

3. Principal's Q & A.

Parent asked about extra lessons in particular Science for year 9 &10
SW said there would be and would see about getting lessons put on web site as letters don't always get home.

There was an issue that parents aren't reading the module reports, advice is that parents always access the report each term.

Olympics celebration was questioned. SW to look into what is going to be done.

ACTION SW

Canteen is now fully open and good reports are being received.

Head of French will attend later in the year.

SW leaves meeting at 7.45pm

Minutes of previous meeting - Agreed.

4. Parent Governor Update – MH and AB to be parent governors. AB to attend first meeting alone as MH can't make it. Milestone school soon to be signed off. York Rd still going through.

Action MH/AB

5. General matters raised

Council would like Head of Maths to attend and explain the new exam courses etc.

MH and TR to have meeting with Principals to discuss new name and changes to Parent Council.

Parents would like a Forum set up on the web site to enable parents to access the council and view they concerns.

MH to arrange to attend Parent council meeting at Wilmington and Longfield , others members will be invited to attend.

6. Any other Business

Recycling shop: TR has seen Jill Hickman to discuss a flyers going out just before Feb half term. Then to sort what we have and set up shop, rails, etc. **ACTION TR**

MH has had it confirmed that the old PTA fund is in an account and is at £ 1,451.26

Ideas to spend this on were something for the Olympics, maybe a coloured band for each child Lindsey Dean to look into this.

Another suggestion was Water bottles for all, Sandy Taylor to look into this. **ACTION LD/ST**

Meeting ends 8.15pm

Next meeting Monday 6th February 7pm