

LEIGH TECHNOLOGY ACADEMY **PARENTS' FORUM**

Minutes of meeting held on Monday 2nd July 2012

Attendees:

Academy staff: Mrs Sharon Waterman, Ruth Koro (DMFL)

Parents:

**BRUNEL: Tracy Roblett, Linda King,
CHAUCER: Michael Holmes, Ann Burch,
Sandy Taylor, Machila Bekir, Sharon Coles**

DA VINCI: Karen Brooker

DARWIN: Lindsey Deakin,

Apologies: - Jacqueline Ellis

Minutes

1. Welcome and apologies

Michael welcomed everyone and gave apologies

2. Discussion with RK

- RK Director of Modern Foreign Languages attended the meeting as a number of comments had been raised by parents.
- RK explained that we study French as we live close to and have many links with France. Local employers (including Blue water shops), Universities and colleges all see French as an important qualification. French is also spoken in 60 countries.
- Spanish is now offered to year 9 but the up take has not been good, it's an additional choice not a swap from French.
- September new year is fully staffed, with some new teachers starting. There is to be a web site that parents can log in to help teaching and support at home.
- There is a lower level exam that students who struggle can take, lower than a GCSE but still a good recognised qualification.
- Parents need to understand that French is a core subject and important.
- RK asked if a parent hand book would be of use and it was agreed it would.
- Class sizes were discussed and it is felt by the Forum that the class sizes

are too large for one teacher, maybe post 16`s who have studied MFL could help out with the younger students?

- The French grading system is lower than normal subjects.
- RK leaves meeting 7.45pm Thank you for attending.

3. PRI Questions

- SW gave an update on events.
- Exam timetable will be up and running in September, aim to start parent pay in September but might be later in the year.
- A letter re parking will be sent out as it was raised again by many that it is dangerous.
- A texting system is being looked at to notify parents of events, exams etc this was felt would be very good.
- New head boy and girl have been appointed and helped run the year 11 ball which was a great success.
- The links with York road are developing with yr 10 students go to York Rd to help and post 16 will also be helping out.
- Turnover of teachers was questioned and SW said its about 20% this year which is normal for the LTA. SW will email figures to MH.
- Pin badges will be issued last week of term.

8.06pm Principal leaves the meeting

4. Minutes of previous meeting - Agreed.

5. Updates from Previous meeting

Recycling Shop – to be opened in September and promoted on Yr 7 open day. Parents to be at meeting- Tracy Roblett, Ann Burch, Machila Bekir and will meet in reception at 8.30am.

Website – Final has gone to PF to be issued and put on web site. Aim to get a poster designed, to promote new web site and Parents Forum.

6. Request from Principals

None

9. Governors' Update

Nothing to report till next meeting.

Meeting ended 8.45pm

Next meeting Monday 10th September 2012 at 7pm lecture theatre