

# **LEIGH TECHNOLOGY ACADEMY**

## **PARENTS' FORUM**

### **Minutes of meeting held on Monday 28th May 2012**

#### **Attendees:**

**Academy staff: Mr P Finnegan (apologies Jane Rowlands)**

#### **Parents:**

**BRUNEL: Tracy Roblett, Linda King**

**CHAUCER: Michael Holmes, Tim Field, Ann Burch,  
Jacquelis Ellis, Sandy Taylor, Machila Bekir**

**DA VINCI: Karen Brooker**

**DARWIN: Lindsey Deakin, Emily Isidorou**

**Apologies: - Mo Jensen and Ruth Koro**

### **Minutes**

#### **1. Welcome and apologies**

Michael welcomed everyone and gave apologies

#### **2. Principal Q&A**

- PFI attended instead of JRO
- PFI stated the web site will be updated once the Parents' Forum has approved the draft information circulated at the meeting
- Update on students - current Yr11 maths on track to achieve 70+% A-C, early entry has helped to achieve these results. Yr10 students are now taking English early in addition to Maths and Science units. It was requested that an exam timetable for revision classes be put onto the website
- The Head of Music was complimented on her commitment - staying on in school on several occasions until 10.30-11.00pm to help students complete their course work. Parents Forum would like to record their thanks.
- PF said that the introduction of Parent Pay remained the intention of The Leigh - no deadline has been set for its introduction.

## **Actions PF/MH**

### **7:25pm Principal leaves the meeting**

## **3. Minutes of previous meeting - Agreed.**

## **4-7 Updates from Previous meeting**

**Recycling Shop** - Flyers are being completed by Emma Winton, the Leigh Trust's graphic designer; it is to be rolled out to one College first. The cost of leaflets is to be paid from parent fund, black and white printing only, and an A1 poster for the lobby.

The Aim is to get the shop up and running for new Yr7 open day on 12th July. Tracy and some other members to arrange date to sort clothes. Rails needed.....does anyone have any??

Various other ideas for the running of the shop were discussed such as online shopping etc.

**Olympic Pin Badges** – we have ordered 1476 pin badges but a delay in the payment being made held up their delivery. The Principals would like them given out at Assemblies, and asked for a representative to be present. MV has links through sponsorship to Olympic reps and would see if they could ask them to present the badges.

### **Action MV**

### **Parent Funds**

Only 172 parents pay this, and it appears that it is not actively requested each year. It was suggested the The Academy actions this.

### **Action School Finance**

### **Parent/ Tutor Days**

A number of parents have requested subject days in addition/instead of Parent/Tutor Days. End of Module Reports do not always contain a comment. Wilmington Academy will not be doing Tutor days and it was asked what Longfield do?

MH suggested that parents need to use the direct email links more if there are concerns – The Leigh prefers parents to contact The Academy as soon as there is a question/concern rather than wait for an Evening. He also pointed out that Wilmington Academy does not

give out the email address of staff at present. MH will continue to monitor comments made about the tutor days and discuss with Principals if necessary

### **Parking**

It has been noted that parking is getting worse with more parents picking up/dropping off from the main road, double parking in school and generally blocking up the roads which is leading to student walking through cars, running across the roads etc

**Action -** Can The Academy issue any guidelines/have some members of staff as before on duty?

### **Texting/emails information**

If this could be implemented it would be greatly received by the parents/carers

### **Modern Languages**

Ruth Koro, the Director of Modern Foreign Languages, will attend the next meeting. A number of questions have already been passed to her for comment. If anyone has any other items please email MH. Please attend the next meeting to meet Ruth and discuss any issues you may have with languages.

**Action all**

## **8. Request from Principals**

Would any member be willing to support another parent that comes in for a meeting with a Principal as some parents feel under pressure and some additional support would help both sides. Offer was received from 3 members. Details can be supplied to the Principals.

## **9. Governors' Update**

- A new Director of Learning Post 16 has been appointed and was introduced at the last Governors' meeting. He has a lot of new plans and ideas that sound very interesting. Survey forms have already been sent out to post 16 students for feedback. He will attend a Parents' Forum meeting soon.
- The Leigh Trust now educates 75% of the Pupils of Dartford.
- York Road – It will take a year to get out of special measures
- Hartley Primary is joining The Trust.
- UTC bid is in and they are waiting to hear the outcome which

should be end May or early June.

Meeting ended 8.50pm

Next meeting Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2012 at 7pm