

# **LEIGH TECHNOLOGY ACADEMY** **PARENTS' FORUM**

## **Minutes of meeting held on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> September 2012**

### **Attendees:**

**Academy staff: Jane Rowlands, Brunel College**

### **Parents:**

**BRUNEL: Natalie Bayford, Linda King,**

**CHAUCER: Michael Holmes, Ann Burch, Nina Juby Shaw, Glenda Philpot, Natal, Tim Fields, Nick Williams, Fiona Williams, Jacqueline Ellis, Sandy Taylor.**

**DA VINCI: Karen Brooker, Julie Walker**

**DARWIN: Lindsey Deakin, Viateria Brickey, Jon Carmody, Jan Jennings**

**Apologies: - Tracy Roblett**

## **Minutes**

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

Michael welcomed everyone to the New Year and gave a brief explanation about the Parent Forum.

### **2. PRICIPAL**

- JR welcomed new parents to the meeting.
- JR informed all about the wonderful exam results this year and that we achieved 62% A-C including Maths and English. With results excellent for A and A\*.
- New head of post 16 is doing a great job and fitting in well with the students, interviews have been held with all applicants and only accepting students who achieve the top grades and best suited to the course.
- The staff has been busy before the start of term with training workshops to ensure the standards of teaching are high.
- The Academy is fully staffed with the exception of science.
- A few students got caught in the revised marking of the GCSE as reported in the press, but the academy use the Welsh exam board and these changes had less effect on the academy.

- If the new "O Level" is to come in it could affect the new year 7 students.
- There are new cleaning contractors and the gym is up and working.
- We have a new business director who will be in charge of finance and will look into setting up Parent Pay, no date set yet.

### **8.30pm Principal leaves the meeting**

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

#### **5. Updates from Previous meeting**

**Recycling Shop** – to be opened soon, Michael has posters. Rails need to be organised. Tracey to have discussion with Michael for plan of opening shop.

**Website** – Parent Forum section now complete.

#### **6. Members questions**

- New year 7 parent asked if PE could advise on what kit is required so students don't have to carry all kit around with them.
- Academy lunch costs were asked about, MH explained that the menu and prices are on the web site and if you had any further concerns you can visit school and ask to see statement of purchases make on card. Contact student services to arrange visit.
- Parent asked if the school take any notice of the parent forum and the comments made. MH replied that in general we are well received and the Academy value our input to the running of the academy.
- A number of parents are unhappy about Mac Donald's building across the road and it was asked if the Academy could ask for a Pelican crossing outside of the school to avoid the students running across the road as they do at present. This could be paid for by Mac Donald's?

#### **7. Governors' Update**

Nothing to report till next meeting.

Meeting ended 9.10pm

Next meeting Monday 8<sup>th</sup> October 2012 at 7pm Board Room