

# LEIGH ACADEMY PARENTS' FORUM

## Minutes Of meeting held on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2015

Attendees:

Academy staff:- Julia Collins-Principal and Sharon Waterman Trust Principal

Parents:

BRUNEL: -Kerry Bates, Alice Nolan

CHAUCER: Jacqueline Ellis, Fiona Williams, Kim Semple

DA VINCI:-Sarah Hutchings

DARWIN: Bridget Bushfield, Andrew Collins, Jan Jennings

Apologies: Faye McGill-Principal, Sharon Coles

### MINUTES

- **Welcome and apologies**

Fiona welcomed everyone and gave apologies for those absent.

- **Principals**

JC-(Behaviour/Safety)

Awards afternoons well received.

Rewards and consequences-Rewards this year so far 19190, consequences 4449.

Coming up: Activity and reward week commencing 13<sup>th</sup> July-most points wins trip Thorpe Park.

Career focus w/c 13<sup>th</sup> July, Post 16 taster day for Y10, Y6-Y7 coffee morning 6<sup>th</sup> July and Induction day 9<sup>th</sup> July, IPad evening 13<sup>th</sup> July.

SW-(curriculum).

Y8 guided choices out now. Pleased with way options worked out.

Projected results 65% should achieve A-C inc Eng & Maths.

Fully staffed from September and staff turnover reduced by 7%

Improving communication on website-calendar improved.

All letters to go on website with text alert with link direct to letter.

To work on more parents to sign up for parent pay because of facility on there to have alerts with this.

Middle leaders have been looking at homework for Google classroom.

P16 have been doing pre-learning/flip learning (homework prior to lesson) and this is working well. Looking at other years.

### **Questions to Principals (both new and from previous minutes)**

Q-Are you looking to change school hours?

A-Happy with existing school hours.

Q-Are you keeping the 2 week October break?

A-Yes no plans to change-benefits/refreshes students.

Q-Will you look at timing of lunch 4?

A-This lunch is always a challenge, students have breaks in morning, encouraged to refuel at that time.

Q What support do new teachers get re disruptive behaviour?

A-New staff trained on rewards and consequences, supported on a daily basis and support of colleagues, there are various stages to pass disruptive students through including student services officer.

FW-Consistent theme from parents about persistent offenders-advice is to report to tutor and student services manager.

Q-Issue with history staffing.

A-Fully staffed from September, director of learning been taking some lessons, will factor in catch up if necessary. Note there is guidance about how many hours of tuition for each subject GCSE, because of school 3 year work towards GCSE, school over surpasses that guidance.

Q-Guided choices Y8-Can they swap lessons,

A- Yes in module 1, with liaising with both student and parents.

Q\_Is there a timescale for replying to emails?

A-No set timescale, must reply in acceptable timescales even using a holding email. If no reply copy in director of learning.

Q Communication of revision classes-(one was received after the class taken place)

A-This year's students were the most prepared. given timetables, posted on web, copy posted home. Students should have been well aware of times.

Q-Y8 exams-can we have list?

A-Everything will be published on new calendar. Copy of exams for every year group on web.

Q-Tutors- can they provide revision strategy?

A-Will ensure that takes place.

Q-Induction of new Y7 students.

A-Coffee morning, Induction day, summer school. Vulnerable students will be identified and invited in again. Aim is to get Y7 students up and within routine and timetables asap. Plus there is a Y7 information evening scheduled in module 1. All Y7 will have health minds lessons-to build in resilience, help when faced with challenging circumstances and how they make choices.

Q Questionnaire

A-This is online however only had 56 responses compared to more on paper copies previously.

Q Recycle shop-is any spare uniform used by teachers?

A-Yes when uniforms are torn.

Q Trip to Poland in September, is there facility for parents to pay for mini bus for to and from airport?

A-Will look into.

Q New gradings?

A 2015/16 Y10 new 1-9 grade exams. Y8 going into Y9 will be graded 1-9, Y7/8 will begin life without levels system.

7:55pm Principals leave.

There was a discussion about Sports day, where held, timing of events etc.

Noted some mornings the car park is a state-an overhang from GOALS as cleaners don't start until 8am.

One day many empty compressed gas canisters were in car park. These are used for legal highs (although can be lethal) but were not connected with school or GOALS but persons from outside using car park. Police involved.

- **Minutes of previous meeting – agreed.**
- **Governors' update**

FW and new governor KB attended. Chaucer visited. The current leadership of three Principals is very strong. The new child protection governor is Kerry Bates, part of her role is to meet with key staff regarding CP and assure Governing Body that procedures are in place, are legal and followed. OFSTED expected in 2016. Inspectors will still be monitoring classes but will cross check this with feedback from students and student's books.

New SENCO-Ms Butler.

Car park-CCTV cameras in place and working-high resolution and already used evidence for issues. Flow plates should be fitted in summer holidays. Possibly replacing main entrance doors for better security.

Meeting ended 8:40pm

Next meeting 7pm Monday 21<sup>st</sup> September 2015 Board Room.