

LEIGH ACADEMY PARENTS GROUP

Minutes Of meeting held on Monday 6th March 2017

Attendees:

Academy staff:- Julia Collins Principal, Faye McGill-Principal

Parents:

BRUNEL: -Alice Nolan, Natalie Bayford

CHAUCER: Kim Semple

DA VINCI:-Stacy Goodwin, Gary Goodwin, Sarah Hitchings

DARWIN: Andrew Collins, Jan Jennings

Apologies: Mandy Kennedy

MINUTES

- **Welcome and apologies**

Kerry welcomed everyone and gave apologies for those absent.

- **Minutes of previous meeting – agreed.**

- **Principals**

JC & FM Different sorts of reviews taken place as Ofsted due. Most recently team of 6 came in for a Peer Review in early February for 2 days. The real inspection is expected to last 1 day, maybe two and have 2 inspectors. The school expects to retain 'good' academy status. The last Ofsted inspection was May 2013. The mock review went well, left a detailed report, leadership/management shows clear improvements, sense of community in school, curriculum strength, staff aware of areas to improve, various registers (like child protection) are up to date, Leigh attendance is at or near national average, behaviour very good, fixed term exclusion rate below national average, high level of support for child needs, teacher have good subject knowledge, support for teachers with areas of learning, P16 improving, IBCP program-praise received. There are areas of work to do. Ofsted will also issue questionnaire to parents.

Received 240 application for P16, results 24th August. Students get results and discuss way forward on that day.

840 plus applications received for Y7 2017 for 240 places.

- **Updates from previous meeting from Principals**

Facebook development for LAPG. Following KB & JJ meeting with Mark Shepherd, LAPG info will be posted on schools main FB page, already seen times of meeting etc. when due. Parents to be encouraged to 'like' the Leigh to get updates.

- **Members Questions**

Q What is the constant bleeping sound?

A It's the security Honeywell system, has software error, due for review, meeting on Friday

Q Homework – some occasions when it has not been marked

A Contact College or Director of Learning for the subject in question

Q Ipads-some student not using them at all, is it worth new Y7 purchasing them.

A On balance this is useful kit, some subjects teacher use them more than others, all school owned Ipads booked out, constantly required. The Academy supports use of Ipads.

Q Is there a clash between Dept of Education and exam boards and school, as exams are all written, but I.T. is all Ipads and technology.

A Yes exams are written, some subjects are more I.T., some more written. The Leigh aims to develop written skills and life skills including use of technology for their future life beyond the Leigh

Q PE not much variety-boys, seems to be football often, although a parent said her child has been doing a variety of sports including trampolining.

A Will take back to PE dept.

Q Da Vinci are still doing healthy minds,

A This strategy is to help student become resilient and part of national pilot which has worked well and will be rolled out in due course. There is a pilot group in DV and control group in Darwin, the sessions are being rolled out across Colleges and new cohorts coming in.

Q Cyber bullying – do students get tuition about this?

A At least 3 times a year in assemblies plus themes in tutor time.

Q After school intervention classes-some clash.

A Try for this not to happen, revisions classes due Easter Holidays, schedule will be on the website

Q Y9 French books-are they worth getting?

A Definitely.

Q Why are the last meeting minutes not on website?

A Aware, apologies - will be corrected.

Q Travellers-seen on site.

A Horse and cart seen on site end of day, P and VP moved them on, remain vigilant and continue to liaise with police

Q A Parent reported a slow response to an email enquiry
A JC apologised, a reply was given

Q When is Y11 prom?

A Towards end June, likely Air and Breathe, Principals will send letter,

- **AOB**

Parent noted good communication of ski trip recently, Facebook updated, pictures, teachers really looked after them.

Parent noted students' behaviour to and from school is extremely good.

7:20pm Principals leave.

Meeting ended 7:30pm

Next meeting 6.30pm Monday 8th May 2017 Board Room.

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