

Short Heath Federation

Parent Council Meeting



16th January 2019

Present:

Cathy Draper (Executive Head)
Sarah Harris (Head of Short Heath)
Karen Bridger (PA to SLT & Governors)
Paul Day (Site Manager)
Justine Jackman (Safeguarding Lead)
Joanne Morgan (Chair)
Jennifer Fahy (Secretary)
Sue Williams
Harj Kalirai (Governor)
Helen Duckett
Sally Ward (Shires)
Adele Somerfield
Patricia Roper
Holly Vukelic
Sharon Leeson
Cristina Shaw
Rebecca Harman
Jas Kaur
Caroline Arrowsmith
Jenny Davis
Stephanie Baker
Leanne Walford
Sharlene Gill

Apologies:

Elizabeth Farley

Minutes

Chair Vote:

- ✓ After a close vote it was decided that Joanne Morgan would fill the role of the new Chair position and take over from Sue Williams after resigning from her position after 7 years. Parent Council is so grateful to Sue for all her hard work, and commitment, and welcomes Joanne to the team.
- ✓ We also have a position of treasurer available which will be voted for at the next Parent Council meeting.

Short Heath Gates:

- ✓ For safety reasons it was decided the normal process would continue for Short Heath through the smaller gate, due to the larger gate being too close the main road.
- ✓ If the gate was to be open for parents to wait on the playground, there just wouldn't be enough staff to man the doors and keep the school secure.
- ✓ Also due to the expansion, this system could change due to where the site layout changes.

Food for Life:

- ✓ Sally would like to push for silver status. This would have to include organic produce, and also a 'meat free or veggie' day.
- ✓ Potential for a Health Fayre to take place.
- ✓ In need of a staff member to run a health club or a fruit and veg club to help reach new status.
- ✓ Sally to look in to complaints regarding sQuid as this is an external company not ran by Shires. Parents often find they can't top up on the app which then leads to debt on their account.

Summer Fayre:

- ✓ A date has been set for the annual Summer Fayre which will be taking place Saturday 6th July, 12pm-2pm.
- ✓ A subcommittee will be set at the next meeting along with putting preparations in to place.
- ✓ All funds raised are to go to the schools.

121 Reading:

- ✓ Short Heath parents queried why children didn't have 121 reading sessions with staff. Children are annually assessed three times throughout the year, once per term.
- ✓ Short Heath are in need of parent/guardian volunteers to come in and read with children. Justine to send a message out for this. All volunteers must be DBS checked.

Golden Time:

- ✓ Golden Time has now been replaced with Mindfulness.
- ✓ This was removed due to its strategy not working on majority of children.
- ✓ Children will instead be able to sign up to clubs to partake in involving calm activities including nature, yoga, colouring, etc.
- ✓ Parents have suggested that they be invited along to some of the sessions to join the children during clubs.

Behaviour Management:

- ✓ Parents have become increasingly concerned for the safety of their children in school due to how behaviour is managed within the schools.
- ✓ There is an increasing number of children in schools with autism and social and health difficulties but parents aren't always aware of care plans that are in place.
- ✓ Strategies such as Golden Time for example, have no effect on some children.
- ✓ The Federation is currently setting up a specialist provision to be able to provide the right care and support for children including training for staff on how best to deal with difficult scenarios.
- ✓ Parents have expressed interest in particular of what is in place for children who are affected by behaviours witnessed.
- ✓ Cathy has gone over parts of the Behaviour Policy with parents and explained what each means.
- ✓ Vicki is currently rewriting the policies and some of it has already been implemented at Rosedale, but not yet consistent at Short Heath.
- ✓ Due to the extent of this subject a separate meeting has been set aside for the Behaviour Policy to be discussed with parents before it is finalised.