

*St. Augustine's
Catholic Primary School*

Parent Forum

Parent Forum Notes

2:00 p.m., Monday, 10th November 2014.

Meeting begins at 2:00 p.m. with consent of the committee members' present

Committee Members	Present	Apologies Sent	Notes
Mr A.S. LA Chapelle	✓		Headteacher
Mr G. Watt	✓		Governor
Mrs M. Watt	✓		Governor
Mrs S. Buckley	✓		Governor
Mrs S. Irving	✓		Parent
Mrs E. Wilson	✓		Parent
Mrs E. Stringa	✓		Parent
Mr L. Reeves	✓		Parent
Mr A. Wilson		✓	Parent
Mrs M. Swift	✓		Parent
Mrs J. Wharam		✓	Parent
Mrs M. Agius	✓		Parent
Mrs N. Hayward	✓		Governor
Mrs R. Wetherall	✓		Parent Support Advisor

2. Minutes from previous meeting.

Minutes from previous meeting were discussed.

3. Matters arising

New parents response form – The response to the form was not as high as expected and it was suggested that the response form should be made available online.

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4. End of Year Reports 2015 Format.

Mr La Chapelle explained how Years' 2 and 6 will be using the current targets to measure pupils achievements and the rest of the school will be working to expected levels. Which are measured against relevant statements showing the outcomes as Emerging-Expected-Exceeding. Mr La Chapelle showed a proposed format for parents reports, which consisted of a pen portrait of the child's development together with an explanation of the child's achievements. Parents felt that the pen portrait was too long and would much prefer bullet points for each subject.

5. Parental Communication Updates.

Mr La Chapelle explained trying how school is trying to merge the schools MIS (Management Information System) and the schools tracking systems, which will also incorporate an email/texting service and an online payment system. At this time the preferred system is not yet ready, Mr La Chapelle asked if the

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parents would like an interim system to enable an online payment facility. The feeling was that we have not had the benefit of such a facility, therefore, waiting a few more months would not make any difference and to wait and go live when the preferred system is ready.

6. Website Suggestions.

A request was made for a webpage detailing what would be involved in volunteering and how to go about being a volunteer.

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7. Individual Photographs.

Having a photographer in school to take individual photographs is quite an undertaking which takes up a whole day and is quite disruptive. Baring this in mind Mr La Chapelle asked should we still have school photographs taken. Parents thought that the photographs were expensive and the quality could be better, but would still like to have school photographs taken by a photographer.

8. Parents Evening Format.

Parents found parents evening being held in the hall was too noisy and not very private. Mrs Swift thought it would be preferable to hold parents evening in classrooms. Mr La Chapelle explained parents evening is held in the hall for matters of safety and security, but he would look into alternative formats for parents evening.

9. New Buildings and its impact upon admissions.

Mrs Wilson asked if the funding for expansion that was provided by the LEA would give guarantees for children from the local area to obtain a place at the school. (i.e. Those who live in the local area and are not of the Catholic faith). Mr La Chapelle explained that funds were given to the schools that had the ability to expand. This does not change the admission criteria and would not guarantee places for children who lived in the local area.

10. AOB

Mrs Irving requested that SRE should be available to children in both Years' 5 & 6. Mr La Chapelle agreed to look into providing SRE for Year 5 and will ensure that Year 6 will cover SRE during the Summer Term.

As the meeting ran short of time the next Parent Forum Meeting will be held from 1.30p.m.

Associated documents