

Colston's School Cooperative Forum Meeting

Thursday 28th January 2016

<p>Present: Staff reps Amanda Davies (AD, Chair) Emily Marsh Mike Reddecliff</p> <p>Community: Alex George</p>	<p>Parent Reps Mel Jady Susy Giullari Adelaide Santos Beatrix (parent)</p>	<p>Others Alex Bell(MK, Headteacher) Cate Robbins (Governor)</p>
<p>Apologies: Alan Thomson Gianna colligiani Christine Peacey Leanne Sowersby</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Vicki Scammell</p>		

		Action
1	Apologies, introductions and welcome	
2	Any other business – Facebook, frequency of meetings, electing parent reps	
3	<p>Introduction from Alex Bell</p> <p>Alex shared a little bit about himself (career, family, interests). Alex's 5th school. He has taught in London and Bristol (Ashfield, BGS, Bromley Heath and Backwell). He was acting deputy head at BGS and then become deputy head at Bromley Heath. He then applied to become head teacher at Backwell Juniors. After 4 years at Backwell governors decided to amalgamate to infants and juniors. He took both schools to outstanding.</p> <p>Alex also talked about what he has already seen/noticed at Colstons Primary school. So far it has been the right decisions because. The kids are great and they like being here, the whole community has been friendly, supportive and ambitious staff.</p> <p>Questions from members...</p>	
4.	<p>Groups</p> <p>Governors 2 potential community governors to join. Both coming from the community evening held back in December.</p> <p>Parents Facebook page (closed group) to raise issue and talk to other. People are really delighted with after school clubs. One thing that is still felt that children from the Elmgrove site is that there are not many clubs for those children. Could Duncan create a club in Spanish for these children? Similar for the piano.</p>	MR AD

<p>BC said what about football clubs for younger children</p> <p>MJ said that there were never enough people in the past to take it up.</p> <p>AD we have multi-sport for year 1 but it is quite a long day. We don't always fill the spaces at the yr. 1 multi-sport club.</p> <p>SG clubs (languages) especially for Yr. 1 and 2. Where could parents wait before/after clubs? An issue around a space for parents. They sometimes have 45mins to wait. They have been told they can't stay in the playground for safety but there is nowhere to go. Some parents live far away/don't have cars. Would it be possible to have some parent's space to wait or have meetings?</p> <p>MJ we have had to meet in the rain in the park.</p> <p>AB when are the crunch times?</p> <p>SG 3:30 till 5:30 pick one child up but have another at a club.</p> <p>SG can we send an email to all parents about the Facebook page. We can advertise events and try and engage more parents through coffee meetings. Lots of parents don't know what the coop is.</p> <p>Adelaide -It is mainly to get parent to engage what is going on with the food group, activities etc.</p> <p>SG confusion about opening gates and supervised times at Cotham grove site</p> <p>AB clarified that gates are open at 8:30 when children can be left. A member of staff will supervise children after this point. However, please do not leave children unless you have seen a member of staff.</p> <p>SG explained that a key issue was the menu, portion, diversity so a working group was created.</p> <p>AS gave feedback about observations in the food hall and that projects are on-going and that improvements always happening. Can parent's come and try the food? A rota for parents to come in. Parents are happy with the progress. Parents are going to publish what is going to be happening alongside the results of the survey</p> <p>MJ we only hear the negatives it would be really great to see the positives.</p>	<p>AD</p> <p>AB</p> <p>AD</p> <p>AB</p>
<p>Staff</p> <p>Lots of improvements on clubs. A wide variety of lunchtime clubs. The writing club will be starting soon. Parents are helping with chess club so Sarah is helping with that. What is the age variety of clubs? Should we look into that? Could Duncan look at language clubs for Elmgrove?</p> <p>AD do we know parents who could take a language club?</p> <p>MR looked at behaviour during lunchtime and how do we make a more civilised event. Staff could encourage children to eat.</p>	<p>AD</p> <p>MR</p>
<p>Feedback from the Communication survey</p> <p>AD feedback for Rob Davies</p> <p>Came about because it was felt that communication wasn't as good as it could be. Survey were given out during parents evening.</p> <p>Yr. 1 least returned, Yr. 2 most returned (3 forms). Amount returned was disappointing.</p> <p>Most popular way to communicate was through mobile phones.</p> <p>Most people agreed that information is easy to understand.</p>	

	<p>Most people were satisfied with information about children progress and school activities, class activities, homework set, after school activities.</p> <p>Website stood out as not being very easy to get information from and could improve</p> <p>AG do parent's get the chance to say how they would prefer to receive their communication</p> <p>AD shared the plan to improve the website</p>	
6	<p>Matters arising and actions from this meeting</p> <p>Meeting space for parent's</p> <p>Clubs for Reception and KS1</p> <p>Email all parents about Facebook page</p> <p>Investigate parent pay for trips</p> <p>Ask Aga about newsletter in other languages</p>	
6	<p>Any other business</p> <p>Dates of INSET- will be posted in the newsletters soon.</p> <p>MJ Swimming in year 3. Some people are saying that the swimming teachers aren't very friendly. AD will investigate</p> <p>MJ INSET days are normally released by now. AB has said that it they will be released on Friday</p> <p>SG is mindfulness a school programme</p> <p>MR we will be using a programme called Jigsaw which is mindfulness based.</p> <p>Adelaide having the art week replaced with a mindfulness/wellbeing week instead. Possibly linking with the healthy schools.</p> <p>AOB AD at least 48 hours before meeting</p>	
7	<p>Date of the next meeting – Wednesday 9th March 2016 7pm Cotham Grove Site</p>	

Date	Action	Who	Done	Update
Jan 16	Find out about language clubs for KS1/ Foundation stage.	MR		
Jan 16	Ask about the chance of piano lessons.	AD		AD spoke to ES about this. Unfortunately this can't be taught here as we don't have the space due to lessons needing to be taught 1-1.
Jan 16	Look into other clubs for the foundation stage and Year 1.	AD		EW (Year 1 LSA) will hopefully be starting an craft club later this term.
Jan 16	Find out whether there are parents who could run a language club.	Parent Reps		
Jan 16	Look into where parents can wait for clubs to finish in school.	AD AB		
Jan 16	Look into parents being able to hold	AD		Rob Davies is in contact with

	parent meetings on the school site.	AB		the parent reps to sort out a meeting place for their first meeting in April.
Jan 16	Email all parents about the Facebook page.	AD AB		
Jan 16	Investigate parent pay for trips	AB		AD has emailed the business manager to look into this.
Jan 16	Ask Aga about newsletter in other languages	AD		AD has emailed AS about this. I will follow it up next week.
Jan 16	Pass on concerns about the swimming teacher to Alan Thomson	AD		AD passed concerns on to AT and is waiting a reply.