

Short Heath Federation Parent Council Meeting



1st March 2017

Present:

Deb Walton (Head of Lane Head)
Sue Williams (Chair)
Jen Fahy (Secretary)
Justine Jackman (Family Support)
Sally Ward (Shires)
Helen Duckett
Caroline Arrowsmith
Neil Williams
Rebekah Smith
Craig Smith

Apologies:

Cathy Draper (Executive Head)
Sarah Harris (Head of Short Heath)
Theresa Rowe
Sarah Leadbetter
Kimberley Duckers
Abigail Bagshaw

Minutes

Website:

- ✓ Church info to be added once Helen has spoken to Church Council.
- ✓ Sarah L to attend next meeting.

Xmas Cards:

- ✓ To be discussed next school year from September onwards.
- ✓ Now going to be project for all three school transitions (Tea towels).
- ✓ Sue to speak to Mrs Wain re contact for cards. Sally to get info from Bentley West re their card suppliers.

Sports Day Badges:

- ✓ To be implemented in time for school transition evenings.

Parent Council Newsletter (Ongoing project):

- ✓ Everyone (parents and teachers) to pick a subject and write about to break down workload for Sue.
- ✓ Help us to help you – Sue to action. Letter to go out requesting support for the parent council.
- ✓ Roles and responsibilities to be included to give a more professional approach to what the council does for the school.
- ✓ Sue to implement.

Lunches:

- ✓ Sally attended meeting to discuss feedback.
- ✓ Sally to chase what is happening re juice not being given to children, as seen unfair on children only having water.
- ✓ Sandwiches have become very popular over hot dinners.

- ✓ Specials to be emailed.
- ✓ Cashless dinners: New system called SQUID where parents can pay for the dinners online or over the phone, then children can select what they want to eat via touchscreen.
- ✓ Should children be given a choice over desserts was discussed. Children who had opted for sandwiches were still having cake and custard instead of their muffin or cookie. Sally to work out logistics.
- ✓ Food samples were tried at the meeting which were a success: Blueberry and raspberry muffins, gluten free pork and carrot meatballs, and spinach and broccoli beef burgers.

Christmas (Deal with in September):

- ✓ After a discussion regarding the Tea with Santa it was decided that Tea with Santa would be separate from the Christmas Fayre each year.
- ✓ There will also be a set number booked for each Tea with Santa session and once each session was full, they would have to book on to a different one.
- ✓ Parent Council to be more involved to help relieve stress off teachers but still to be led by Faith in Action.

Remember Morgan:

- ✓ Next meeting to be on Friday 17th March at Short Heath hub.
- ✓ All totalisers up to date.
- ✓ Easter Cake Sale to take place on 31st March instead of the proposed Pamper Evening. More details to be discussed at the next RM meeting. Justine to issue letter asking for donations a week before the event.
- ✓ Jen to bring price break down of wristbands, and then design, colours etc to be discussed and order placed.
- ✓ Jen to create Cake Sale posters and send to Justine.
- ✓ All heads and Paul Day to be invited to next meeting as this will be the main one to arrange the Summer Fayre details.

Really Wild Education:

- ✓ Leadership team were in favour of having the team involved with the school.
- ✓ Jen to provide Cathy with contact details for Mat.

DBS:

- ✓ There were a few concerns raised by parents over DBS checks and parents missing out on school trips who hadn't been asked previously. Heads are dealing with the situation and ensure us that all parents are DBS checked for trips such as swimming.

Choir:

- ✓ The choir practice endlessly and seems a shame to waste their beautiful voices. Can we use their talents more often such as entering them in to competitions or even visiting old people's homes to utilise their skills? To be chased and discussed in next meeting.

Football:

- ✓ We no longer have involvement with Walsall FC to costs and change of staff.
- ✓ We're now looking in to getting a parent involved in possibly running an after school club instead.