

Short Heath Federation Parent Council Meeting



13th September 2017

Present:

Cathy Draper (Executive Head)
Sarah Harris (Head of Short Heath)
Sue Williams (Chair)
Jen Fahy (Secretary)
Justine Jackman (Family Support)
Helen Duckett
Kathryn Dingle
Alana Barlow (A-Stars)
Tracey Jephcott

Apologies:

Caroline Arrowsmith
Kim Hughes
Rebekah Smith
Craig Smith

Minutes

Website/Social Media:

- ✓ There is some variation between what school websites show. This is already being addressed.

Xmas Cards:

- ✓ Research to go in to other card suppliers.
- ✓ Must be implemented in October to ensure printing time and advertisement time to parents is enough to create and purchase.

Sports Day Badges:

- ✓ Instead of badges, parents now purchase a coloured PE top from Clive Marks (of house colour that child is in) with the school logo on.
- ✓ New PE tops are looking fabulous!

Parent Council Newsletter (Ongoing project):

- ✓ Decided to publish Parent Council meeting dates on the calendar and in diary dates for the year on the website. This helps parents plan ahead and hopefully encourages more parents to join the meetings and get involved
- ✓ Future Parent Council meeting dates have been pencilled in for 8th November, 17th January, 7th March, 25th April and 13th June. These remain at Short Heath in the hub and 9.15am.
- ✓ Separate meetings will be created for discussing bigger events such as the Christmas Fayre and the Summer Fayre.
- ✓ Could we add Parent Council notices to the windows to let parents know of upcoming meetings aside from the website?

Christmas:

- ✓ Instead of Tea with Santa, it was decided on Story with Santa. With hot chocolate and cookies on Christmas blankets. Just a story for Short Heath instead of with Santa. This then helps increase numbers per session, but less chaos.
- ✓ Pauline and Year 6 to help with the Faith in Action implementation.
- ✓ There will be a set number of tickets per session to avoid overcrowding.
- ✓ A separate meeting has been arranged to put Story with Santa and the Christmas Fayre in to place. This meeting is to be held Friday 20th October at Short Heath Hub 9.15am. The Christmas Fayre will take place on Tuesday 19th December after school at Rosedale.

Fundraising/Summer Fayre:

- ✓ A date has been arranged for our next Summer Fayre which is Saturday 7th July. Separate meetings will be held to put this in to place. Lots has been learnt from last year's event so plenty of organisation and thinking ahead needed.
- ✓ We've decided to raise the money first and then at the end of the school year once we have a total, speak to the children on what they would like to spend it on whether it be new equipment etc.
- ✓ Last year's fundraising campaign saw us raise a total of £5453.35 for Walsall Bereavement Service!
- ✓ Potential for a separate Food Fayre implementing healthy eating, or to combine with the Summer Fayre.

Really Wild Education:

- ✓ Cathy to look over to see if viable and cost effective.

Choir:

- ✓ Involve the Choir in regular visits to care homes.
- ✓ Research competitions for the Choir to enter.

Football:

- ✓ Potential inter house league to be implemented instead so that the children wanting to carry on football in the school can be involved.

School Competitions:

- ✓ School competitions to be researched for the schools to enter.

Autism Awareness:

- ✓ Cathy discussed with Sally and Pav on what we could do to expand awareness and a parent workshop is being put in place for everyone, not just parents of autistic children.

Road Safety:

- ✓ Alana from A-Stars discussed the use of their 5 minute walk zone. This will be a zone mapped out with stickers on lamp posts for cars to park outside of the zone and use the walk to school to encourage more exercise, and also less congestion near the school which is also safer for the children.
- ✓ Pupil leadership will be involved in the placement of the stickers and then other children will be involved in learning the routes as part of a teaching session. This will also create hype at home and getting parents involved when their children mention they want to be part of the 5 minute walk zone.
- ✓ Combine all three schools on one map, with the three zones, which makes it easier for parents with children in all the schools to view rather than have three separate ones.

- ✓ Cathy and Sarah to discuss with Leadership team on how to implement in lessons.

Uniform:

- ✓ Unfortunately Victorian Arcade are not supplying the correct uniform.
- ✓ Sue to still push supplies through Tesco.
- ✓ Brian from the market now supplies the PE tops, but there has been comments on the embroidery not being as good quality.
- ✓ Cathy to discuss with Brian on what he can supply that is of school uniform standard and also see if he can provide in between sizes, which cause problems for parents with children in year 2 at Rosedale, due to no 6-7 sizes and the next size being too big which parents are reluctant to buy due to their children moving up to Short Heath, which have a different logo.

School Expansion:

- ✓ Meeting dates are now in place for the Federation expansion to take place in 2019 to expand the school intake to 90 per year.