

Short Heath Federation

Parent Council Meeting



14th November 2018

Present:

Alex Tibbitts (Assistant Head Rosedale)
Kelly Ashley (Assistant Head Short Heath)
Sarah Powell (Senior Leader Lane Head)
Jen Fahy (Secretary)
Paul Day (Site Manager)
Karen Bridger (PA to SLT & Governors)
Justine Jackman (Operational Safeguarding Lead)
Helen Duckett
Adele Somerfield
Holly Vukelic
Patricia Roper
Elizabeth Farley
Sharon Leeson
Sarah Hadley
Sharlene Gill
Joanne Morgan

Apologies:

Cathy Draper (Executive Head)
Sarah Harris (Short Heath Head)
Vicki Stephen (Rosedale Head)
Karen Picken (Family Support)
Sue Williams

Minutes

Christmas:

- ✓ No Christmas Fayre to be ran this year
- ✓ Lane Head will be having a Christmas show, grotto, tombola and reindeer where children can have a time slot to see Santa instead of having everyone in the room at once. This also helps keep anxious children calm, who may not want a Santa visit. Date decided for this is 14th November, morning session and afternoon session.
- ✓ Sarah P and Paul to secure Santa. We may have a couple of options if our usual Santa is unavailable
- ✓ Rosedale to decide on their activity and confirm
- ✓ Short Heath would like to have presents donated that the children can wrap and then sell on to raise funds for the school
- ✓ Could we do a Christmas present wrapping service and pay the children to do them?
- ✓ Short Heath to have film night with popcorn. Film choice not yet decided.
- ✓ Pauline to ask for donations from her usual contacts
- ✓ Holly to ask for donations from Nisa

Diabetes Awareness:

- ✓ Diabetes awareness day to take place on 30th November throughout the federation
- ✓ This is a substitute for the official World Diabetes day which is 14th November but a different day was chosen to allow time for teachers to plan

- ✓ This year's theme is be a superhero, so children can make superhero masks, and the awareness colour is blue
- ✓ Children will be allowed to wear blue on the day but no donation needed. This is simply an awareness day due to having 3 children in the federation who all have Type 1 Diabetes
- ✓ Rosedale will be having a morning assembly about Diabetes, and then an activity afternoon surrounding this
- ✓ Short Heath to confirm their plans
- ✓ As children attending Lane Head may be too young to understand, no lessons will be surrounding this but they will still support the cause and wear blue on the day or even have a superhero day
- ✓ Adele to write a letter to parents about their own story and what the cause means to them
- ✓ Adele to email over packs including assembly packs, to all the heads

Charity Work:

- ✓ There is concern that the school supports too many charities, and in the new year there will be a cut back on how many are run throughout the year
- ✓ Rosedale are due a SIAMS inspection next year and this is part of their brief
- ✓ Should the school just concentrate on one main charity that's closer to their hearts for example diabetes, mental health etc?
- ✓ Research to be done of examples of constitutions
- ✓ The church/Parent Council can apply for grants that the school can't

Short Heath Gates:

- ✓ Parents raised concern over how much 'traffic' passed through the school path between the Short Heath gate and Rosedale playground as it becomes very congested with parents coming and going, queuing to speak to teachers and seeing their children off, etc
- ✓ Parents have requested that the larger gate be opened instead at the front of the school and allow parents to wait on the playground with their children like they do at Rosedale to cut down the chaos round by the smaller gate
- ✓ With the expansion in mind this is set to get more busy and chaotic

Parent Council Newsletter:

- ✓ Justine to action
- ✓ Justine to also use Marvellous Me to let parents know of future meetings as we had lots of new members for this meeting due to a Marvellous Me notifications
- ✓ **Advertise chairperson – Any interest to be emailed to Parent Council email**
- ✓ Jen to arrange future dates with Karen & Justine for the rest of the year
- ✓ Could Parent Council have their own fund/bank account?
- ✓ Karen to find out fund amounts already set aside for Parent Council
- ✓ Parent Council can then decide on how they want to spend their fund

House Points:

- ✓ Cathy to discuss with heads for next meeting

Autism Awareness:

- ✓ Pav in process of developing a workshop for better understanding of Autism and how to help your child understand Autism
- ✓ Decision to be made on whether it will be a one off workshop or a set of workshops
- ✓ Justine to work alongside Pav in putting this in place
- ✓ This is in motion

Road Safety:

- ✓ A Stars are working on a parking project - ongoing
- ✓ Rosedale 5 minute walk needs to be implemented
- ✓ Justine to chase with Tracey

Uniform:

- ✓ Cathy to discuss with Brian (Market man) on what he can supply that is of school uniform standard – Karen to chase Cathy
- ✓ School to potentially sell used uniform/second hand to help raise funds for the school but also provide a cheaper service to parents who need it

Food for Life:

- ✓ Could this be something ran by Grace alongside healthy eating and fitness? Potential lunchtime or after school club?
- ✓ Parent gardener volunteers needed
- ✓ School already has bronze award through having their school meals via Shires. How can we achieve silver and gold? This will be the schools target throughout the program

School Expansion:

- ✓ A definite positive for the school
- ✓ Early Years building plans are undecided, as well as the potential future use of Lane Head
- ✓ Another temp classroom to be installed for the 2019-2020 school year