

# Parent Forum

## Minutes from the meeting held 4th February 2017

### Present:

Gary & Amanda Mayhew – Parents  
Lisa Green – Parent  
Lynne Rosier – Carer  
Christine Weaver - Parent  
Sharon Bremner – Family Liaison Officer  
Paula Miller – Deputy Head Teacher

### Apologies:

Kerry Smith – Parent  
Mr & Mrs Hulks – Parents  
Philipa Butterwick - Parent

	The minutes from the last meeting held on 1 <sup>st</sup> February 2017 were read out and each point was discussed:
1.	<p><i>A discussion was held about after school clubs and the sort of activities that parents could get involved with in the new school.</i></p> <p><i>Sharon explained that there is a cost implication for staff to stay after school and to keep the building open, but this will be explored after the questionnaire has been collated.</i></p> <p><b>Action from the last meeting:</b> FLO to organise a questionnaire about after school activities. Sharon reported that this has been discussed with the senior management and it was decided to distribute a questionnaire when we have moved into the new school.</p> <p><b>A questionnaire went out to parents in the Spring Term. 195 Questionnaires sent out, 37 replies received back from parents/carers.</b></p> <p>Unfortunately, we did not get the time at the end of the meeting to fully discuss the results.</p> <p>I can update that I am in talks with A football coach, dancing teacher, Art and craft teacher, and offering Archery as afterschool clubs for our students. Each club will have a small charge for each participant. More information to follow when details have been finalised. I am looking to start the clubs after half term.</p>
2	<p><b>New school:</b></p> <p>The discussions for the new school were about the move. Now we are in and the children have settled we discussed, parent's /carers current concerns.</p> <p><b>Fencing:</b></p> <p>Email request for the agenda from Mr &amp; Mrs Hulks.</p>

	<p>Playground fencing at the back of the school is a 6ft wire fence. Behind this fence is a popular path/track that dog walkers use and has access to a Farm. It was discussed that this fence should be more closed to the public. Having only a wire fence between dog walkers, photography and other school's pupils etc. doesn't seem very secure or safe.</p> <p>Parents at the meeting discussed how foreign objects could be thrown over and through the fence.</p> <p>The land on the other side of this path/track belongs to the school, and will be developed and used for a forest school, sports pitches outdoor learning and horticulture.</p> <p>At the moment planning permission is being sought to move the path/track to the lower side of this field.</p> <p>When the school was handed over from the builders into Mr Mount Head Teachers charge, there was a wire fence around the whole school.</p> <p>Mr Mount Head Teacher negotiated with KCC wooden fencing to go down the side of the school where there is a large track used by pedestrians, vehicles and the families that live in the houses at the side.</p> <p>The school has received a quote to complete the rest of the school for £16,000</p> <p><b>Headteacher response.</b></p> <p>To reassure parents/carers, pupils and students are supervised when outside therefore anyone acting irresponsibly or suspiciously would be reported to police. The issue of fencing will be discussed by SLT on 09.05.17.</p> <p><b>Transport:</b></p> <p>Individuals are still in conversation with transport. On the whole there has not been too much disruption to families getting their children to and from school. Travel Training is available for students who can use public transport in the 6<sup>th</sup> Form. This is part of their 'Life skills training'</p> <p><b>School facilities:</b></p> <p>Email request for the agenda from Philipa Butterwick</p> <p>When will children be able to use the Hydro Therapy Pool.</p> <p>The Pool was installed by a domestic company; we have to go through the builders on the operation of the pool. We have staff who are trained to deliver Therapy for the students who will benefit from this specialised resource.</p> <p>The maintenance of the pool will be the responsibility of the school. We have a member of staff from Site management who is waiting for his full training. As you can imagine there is a lot of chemicals and maintenance that is needed to keep the pool functioning properly.</p> <p>Paula Miller Deputy Head teacher explained that the Hydrotherapy pool is for any students who will get a therapeutic benefit from using it. It is not a leisure pool so will not be used by all students. Programmes will still run for students to go swimming off site.</p>
3	<p><b>Questions asked:</b></p> <p>Can students do cycling Proficiency or have a cycling club.</p> <p><b>Action:</b></p>

	<p>Sharon FLO said she will look into getting the Cycling Proficiency team into work with our students. Paul DHT said that this is on some student's programmes.</p> <p><b>School Website:</b> Why has the website not been updated since February 2017? Sharon FLO apologised that the Blogging may not be up-to-date. It is now her responsibility to take this on, but she has not yet organised the training, this will be actioned next week. Sharon FLO said she was of the understanding that it was updated regularly, but will make enquiries:</p> <p><b>Headteacher Response</b> The school website underwent a complete change when we moved to the new school. It continues to be updated regularly with news reports and other changes, e.g. staffing.</p> <p><b>Hartsdown:</b> A parent asked why her son is still going to Hartsdown now we have the new school. Paula Miller DHT, explained that the students who go to the Hartsdown and Garlinge sites, benefit from inclusion opportunities in a mainstream school. This supports both their education and their social skills. This will continue and there are no plans to stop this provision for those pupils and students who it is agreed will benefit from the opportunities this offers. It was explained that it is a Foreland Fields Classroom with our staff. Students are supervised at all times.</p> <p><b>Goal Planning:</b> Email request for the agenda from Mr &amp; Mrs Hulks. <b>Are we going to still have Goal planning with the teachers?</b> Pupils targets continue to be reviewed and updated 3x per year in line with the EHCPs. Teachers will review targets and send home new targets for parents to see and agree. If you would like a meeting with your child's class teacher to discuss targets, this is offered and can be arranged at a mutually convenient time.</p>
4	<p><b>Rights Respecting School Award</b> <b>Sharon FLO shared the following:</b> On the 10<sup>th</sup> May 2017 assessors will be visiting the school to talk about how the Rights Respecting School Award has impacted on both the school and students. Areas that we have worked on: <b>Raised funds for charities both nationally and across the world:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Provided Love in A Box (underprivileged children across Eastern Europe)</li> <li>➤ Children in Need</li> <li>➤ Red noise day</li> </ul> <p><b>School Council:</b></p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➤ Choosing the new school name</li><li>➤ Choosing the school Logo</li><li>➤ Help with choosing the of lunch time school clubs and resources.</li><li>➤ Producing an online safety video.</li></ul>
	<p><b>Date of Next meeting: TBC Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> June 9am – 10-15am</b></p> <p>It has been suggested, that not all parents, who would like to attend the Parent Forum are able to, because of work commitments. It was agreed to alternated the times of the meeting. The next meeting will take place in the morning, 9am – 10-15am</p>