



PARENTS' FORUM

Minutes of meeting held on Thursday 27th November 2014, at 2.00pm

Present: Stephanie Cartmel (SC), Jenny Beswick (Parent) (JB), Becky Quayle (Parent) (BQ), Kathleen Hampson (Senior School Support Officer) (KH), Ken Stone (Governor) (KS), Anwen Maher (Parent & Governor) (AMah), Adiba Malo (Parent) (AMal), Sharon Sadler (Governor) (SS), Nikita Sadler (Parent) (NS), Louise Cooke (Parent) (LC), Nicola Williams (Parent) (NW).

Minute taker: Kathleen Hampson (KH) – senior school support officer

1. Welcome

SC explained that the Parents' Forum is not a replacement for the Foryd Fundraisers Association (previous PTA).

The Parents' Forum meetings are a way for parents to give ideas e.g. traffic issues.

Each class has a Parents' Forum Class Representative who is asked to be available at pop-in times whenever possible. Nikita Sadler agreed to be a Class Rep. for Kingfishers class.

2. Apologies: Phillippa Culshaw-Roberts (Parent) (PCR), Linda Bowen (Parent & Governor) (LB), Nicola Park (Parent) (NP), Sarah Priest (Parent & Governor) (SP).

3. Minutes of the meeting held on 25th September 2014

Minutes were agreed by JB and seconded by IQ.

4. Matters Arising

The Walking Bus idea will be pursued.

A discussion took place regarding the Morfa Leisure Centre barrier being left open at the start of the school day and at home time. If parents park at the Morfa Leisure Centre car park there is a risk to pupils using the entrance road and crossing over to the "safe route to school path" (towards Chester Avenue).

An enquiry will be made with Cllr Bill Darwin, on Board of Directors for the Morfa Leisure Centre, about whether the barrier should be open during the day as this can affect pupils in the Nursery class (leaving at 11.30am and arriving at 12.30pm).

SC, AM and pupils from Year 2 will carry out another campaign outside school in an attempt to encourage parents to park responsibly.

SC explained that the local PCSO had suggested printing the license plate numbers of those who persistently park irresponsibly on the school newsletter. Hopefully this will serve as a deterrent.

5. Parent requests for discussion (shelter & gate)

A parent expressed concern about having to walk down the unmade part of Morfa Avenue to school as the path from Towyn Road which leads onto the junior school playground is locked during the day. SC has discussed the

matter with the headteacher of Ysgol Maes Owen and explained that the gate must be kept locked for security reasons. The matter was discussed but no decisions were made.

The footpath which leads from Towyn Road onto the playground of Ysgol Maes Owen needs maintenance. There is exposed barbed wire and fallen leaves make the surface slippery underfoot. It was suggested that Cllr Bill Darwin may be able to give advice regarding the ownership of the footpath.

Parents have expressed interest in having a sheltered “waiting” area by the Morfa Leisure Centre single gate which leads onto the playground (by the container). SC explained it is not within our remit since the area concerned is not on actual school grounds. Various ideas were suggested but members agreed that it would be a good idea for all classes to have a supply of large umbrellas which could be made available to parents waiting on the playground when the weather is poor. Members will make enquiries regarding umbrellas and where they could be sourced from e.g. donated by local shops/establishments.

It was suggested K & C Builders, as a local company), may be willing to support a building project at school.

SC highlighted that we need bike racks to be installed within the school grounds.

The school has recently received a donation from North Wales Police which is to be used for “safety”. As requested by School Council pupils, a shed will be purchased. It will be used as a meeting place for the pupils and to store safety resources such as high-vis jackets etc.

6. Walking Bus information

Mrs C Gentleman (School Liaison Officer) joined the meeting at this point to explain how the Walking Bus works. Members agreed that it would be a good idea and could possibly be set up for January 2015. Volunteers would be needed. Mrs Gentleman has a contact (Jessica Pritchard) who would help to organise a Walking Bus.

7. Foryd Fundraisers

There will be a Foryd Fundraisers Association meeting on Friday 28th November 2014 t 2.30pm. All welcome.

8. Any Other Business

None.

Meeting closed at 3.00pm