

Parent Council Meeting Minutes 21.1.16.

Present

Erica Evans HT6
Delene Miller H3
Bill Morris Gov
Mary Westley Head

Apologies

Angela Bonner H5
Liz Webster GB3
Claire Lazenbury S2
Helen Pollock S2
Gina Day
Steph Dew P6
Mostyn Roberts

1 Communication;

Everything we do so is dependent on good communication for its success so we are hoping to;

- Establish new members of the group by word of mouth and contact from existing members
- Have contact details for at least one representative of each class
- Use Parentmail for all minutes concerning the group
- Show minutes on the external noticeboards and in the staff room
- Find a suitable place in school for our colourful noticeboard
- Show a powerpoint presentation in the school entrance
- Advertise meeting dates well in advance **Next meeting 10th March. 2pm**
- Send PC material to Darren for the web.
- Photos to show who the reps are.

2 Role and activity of Parent Council

EE has drawn up a newsletter in order to demonstrate the role and activity of Parent Council. This will be distributed alongside the PC representatives contact list via Parentmail. We hope this will attract new members and new ideas to the group.

3 School Improvement Plan

We went through the school improvement plan to see how parents could support this (see below). Do contact us if you can help with any of these things or have other ideas to contribute. Please talk to Mrs Westley about it if you would like to know more.

Enrichment;

Gifted and talented provision; ideas and suggestions

Helping those with spelling/reading difficulties

Parent helpers for enrichment eg visits, cooking or craft projects etc

Request helpers for;

Reading in school, helping with the library

Inspiration; Faith speakers, musicians, scientists, historians

Help with IT lessons

Create a parent helper list again to include skill sets

Swimming

Learning cooking skills

Resources

Help to organize and maintain our costume library and accessories.

Donate spare hangers

Log all items on the web and arrange details for loans

Nature reserve helpers and ideas for taking lessons outside

Any toys for wet play, educational games, books or outdoor toys.

4 Meeting class teachers

KS2 teachers have a rota after school so if you would like a brief word find out from the office which day they are on duty. You can always make an appointment to see the teacher via the office at a time which suits you.

5 Reading Records

Home school communication is important to us. The Reading records are designed not only to record reading but if there is anything else to communicate. Please do look through them every day and the teachers have a system for doing likewise. As children progress they can take more of a role in this but we would always ask for adult support and encouragement.

6 Feedback Friday 5th February

A valuable way for parents and pupils to say what they have most enjoyed that week or found helpful, interesting or exciting. Some parents will be in the playground with pen and paper to hear your views or you can email us at parentcouncil@welwynst-marys.herts.sch.uk . Recent compliments have included thanks for the informative SATS session, the wonderful music, praise for after school club, parents delighted with weekly newsletter explaining current activity in their child's class and thanks to the office team for their efficiency.

7 AOB

Spellings on the web. MW will see if its possible to put the weekly spelling lists on the web to make it easier for parents to support this.

Money; With the range of activities it is sometimes hard to keep track of payments. Parentmail, plus pay, allows parents to see what is due and what has been paid. Catering and music lessons are not currently paid by plus pay.

Cold weather; If it is too cold or wet to wait outside for swimmers to return please wait in the KS2 library. If it is raining before the morning bell, teachers will open the doors before the bell and allow KS1 children straight into class.

Agenda next meeting- Please get in touch if you have something to discuss and we will add it to the agenda.

Resilience- At our next meeting we will gather suggestions on how children can build resilience. Please come along with your ideas.

**Our next meeting will be on 10th March from 2 pm in the staff room.
All welcome.**