



Present: CD, AL, CJ, MM, CM, CN, KF, SS, LO, AA, MC, MN, SY, EH, AO, CD, EH, AS, SM
Apologies: JM, TP

1 Requests made that require action:

- Could the letter informing parents of their sons' options be sent out before the very end of the school year, in case there was anything that needed to be discussed?
- Please remind staff to communicate with parents when set changes are being made.
- Tell Mr Bridges, Mr Cannon and Mr Schwarz they are doing an 'amazing job' with the music evenings. It is lovely to see the older boys taking the younger boys under their wing.
- Would it be possible for teachers to add statements with the good and bad comments, so parents were more informed and knew why the comments had been given?
- It would be helpful if there was more transparency when selecting students for DoE. One suggestion was, once the criteria for acceptance was met, could names be drawn from a hat?
- Could we ensure a ParentMail is sent to inform parents if money needs to be brought in to support an event?

2 Matters Arising from Minutes of Meeting 20/06/17

- None

3 School's Priorities

- SM went through the school's priorities for the future. These included KS3 curriculum, assessment and feedback, coaching and staff development and pastoral review. There was a discussion about the whole school formative assessment, where pupils knew what they had to do to improve.
- SM summarised the Learning Communities, how they were working, but also how the whole school was benefiting from the training days holistically. The group was shown the books and offered to look through them after the meeting.

4 Finance

- The budget looks better this year, but next year is going to be tight again. This is partly due to Kingston reorganising how they are planning to fund schools. Some of the finance Richard Challoner receives is for SEND pupils, of which we have a larger cohort than many main stream schools. Kingston are planning to adjust how they allocate the funding and put the finance into other areas.
Also, the pension contributions for staff are expected to increase, with no increase in the funding to cover the extra expenditure.
- SM is not keen to make the school any larger to help fund the shortfall, as Richard Challoner is an intimate school where people know each other and that could be lost in a larger school.



5 Other points raised by parents

- Could a ParentMail be sent to parents about the Year 9 Fair, to ensure the students bring money in?
- Parents appreciated the highlighted pages in their child's book, where they could obviously see which areas their child had achieved in and where they still needed to work on.
- It was unanimous that the parents liked Progresso and 'Show My Homework', as it helps them support their child's learning.
- Due to the larger content in the new GCSEs, starting GCSEs in Year 9 was discussed. It was felt the boys were too young to be asked to take things so seriously and that academic and social enrichment was more important.
- It was also felt starting the GCSEs in Year 9 could have an impact on well-being and stress.
- Starting the GCSEs after the Year 9 exams was a popular idea, as this would keep the momentum of work going until the end of the year.
- Parents were informed that school could see which parents had logged on to Progresso.
- Parents said they could not see any need for the diary and SM informed them that it might not be needed next year, depending on the recommendations of the Pastoral Review.
- Parents said they would hate to lose the Battlefields trip.
- It was explained to parents that it was very expensive for schools to arrange work experience due to health and safety insurance and that parents who wished their children to have work experience were making their own arrangements.
- We already have an arts and sports dinner. Parents asked if it would also be possible to have an academic dinner?

Any other business

- Alumni is developing well. It is for ex staff and students and friends of the school.

Date of Next Meeting: 20th March 2018 at 6.30pm