



MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE PARENT FORUM

Meeting Title	Parent Forum
Date	28 th March 2023
	<p>Minutes</p> <p>Present: Sean Maher, Ailish Southall, Giles Tipler, Matthew Seward, Karen Fox, Tony Lorenschitz, Colette Wong Feng Yee, Hugh Treacy, Yolande Kurlatov, Amy Lubarda, Aileen Almond and Margaret McCormack,</p> <p>Apologies: John Trend, Emma Demblon, Christopher Hart, Renata Vingiliene, Lisa Trend, Eoin O'Connell, Cathy Moore, Orla Creegan</p> <p>School meals</p> <p>We employ all our own staff and make all of our meals. We try to source our meals from local traders which has cost implications. We have tried to keep prices as low as possible, balancing the increase of costs while trying to maintain the quality. Over the first couple of months for this year we are about £40000 in deficit already.</p> <p>The parent's said:</p> <p>Feedback from student's is that the food is 'amazing'.</p> <p>The new baguettes are very popular.</p> <p>The quality of the food is good and the prices are reasonable.</p> <p>The parents said they feel if the students have had a hot meal at school it will sustain them if they have a club after school.</p> <p>Pupil progress and outcomes SM</p> <p>The data is showing progress and outcomes are incredibly positive.</p> <p>Strategic priorities 2023/24</p> <p>We have decided we are going to carry on our work around literacy and oracy for another year. One of the reasons for this came from wanting to improve the student's literacy for access to exams.</p> <p>At the end of next year we will move on to focussing on numeracy across the curriculum.</p> <p>Another area of priority is the development of the trust which is presently on pause. This is partly because of financial reasons but we still expect this to move forward at some point soon. It is still the right thing for all our schools to do but once there is a more settled financial landscape.</p>



We are taking our Environment Project off as one of our priorities as a lot of the grounding work has been done and it is much more embedded in to our thoughts now.

We are also looking at the restructuring around our leadership team so that Challoner would not be impacted negatively by being part of a trust.

Strike Action for Schools & School Funding

We have had to close the school on each of the four strike days there have been so far.

We are no longer going to offer Performing Arts and have looked at reducing maths from 5 periods to 4.

We also looked at making classes larger and rather than running 7 classes in a year group whether we could run with 6 classes.

We hope the unions will push for a fully funded pay rise.

The parents asked if we could protect examination groups during the strikes?

We have requested days are rotated so the same days and lessons are not hit.

Inclusion & Diversity Group Environmental Group SM

We have made some great strides this year. There has been lots of staff training to promote inclusivity and diversity this year.

We put in a bid for a rewilding project which we have won £2000.

We plan to replace all our lighting and new solar panels. If all goes to plan we could be carbon neutral within 30 years.

Feedback from Academic Review Meetings

We discussed the preference for in school or online academic review evenings.

The parents said it can be frustrating when you they don't get enough time to speak to someone. They said sometimes the queue are huge and you can queue for 40 minutes. The online parents evening could be frustrating at times as you get cut off after 5 minutes. They said it is more convenient to have academic review evenings online and suggested maybe we could alternate as a face to face evening is not needed for every year group.



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The parent's said Sir Gus O'Donnell was in speaking to the sixth form and he was brilliant.

Date of Next Meeting at 7pm – 21st June, 2023