



Parents' Council Meeting
Wednesday 24th February 2010, 6.30 pm, Hall

Present:

Staff Name

Andy Yarrow
Charlotte Harrison

Role

Principal
Vice Principal

Parent / Carer Name

Sarah Arkas
Gloria Gardner
Eunice Hennell
Claire Rand-Siu
Heather Harris

Student Name

Horatio Arkas
Amy Gardner
Adrianna Franklin
William Siu
Jacob Lansman

Apologies:

Parent / Carer Name

Patricia Barham
Rebecca Wells
Tom McLoughlin

Student Name

Adam Ammran
Molly Wells
Alexandra McLoughlin

AY welcomed everybody to the meeting.

Minutes of the last meeting

The minutes of the last meeting were agreed as a true record.

Mrs Sarah Arkas was introduced as parent governor. She offered her services and requested that any issues be directed to her. It was agreed that a parent governor email address should be set up. AY highlighted the importance of the role of the parent governor and SA reiterated her commitment to the role and the importance of working with staff, governors, parents and students. CH proposed, and it was agreed, that a www/ebi model should be used for parent input.

Agenda items for the next meeting – Thursday 17th June

Gifted & Talented Programme – Tom Cragg, Assistant Principal
Learning & Teaching – Lisa Minshull, Assistant Principal
SRE programme consultation – Jeanette Simpson, Personal Development Curriculum Leader

Fundraising and social events

AY introduced the idea of a Parents' Fundraising Group to raise funds for items that the Academy will not be able to afford out of its regular funding. Initial ideas for events included:

- International evening/fayre: food, music, dancing
- Year 7 social evening
- Quiz and curry/fish and chips evening
- Spring, summer and Christmas fayres
- End of year bbq/hog roast party
- Auctions
- Raffle
- Pamper afternoon
- Barn dance/line dance
- Race night
- Day trip to France
- Table top/car boot sale

There was a debate as to which events should have students present as well as parents and staff and how events will be organised and publicised.

AY explained that the Academy will also apply for grants to help cover some items not covered by regular funding and that the Chelsea Academy Foundation will also be raising funds.

Vertical tutoring and house names

CH explained the vertical tutoring model and how it will be rolled out. She explained that the houses will be named after famous scientists. Students have created a shortlist through presentations in Science lessons which is now being considered by the governing body and leadership team.

Q & A and Feedback

Parents were invited to look at the layout and content of the website and offer feedback.

AY explained that we have had a very good response to our adverts for teaching staff for next year. He explained the format of the interview days and appointments made to date.

In response to a query as to why some classes have had three English teachers this year, he explained the difficulties of making temporary appointments at Faculty Leader level to cover maternity leave and the arrangements that have been put in place for the future.

The layout, organisation and timings of Parents' Evening were discussed. The issue of privacy was raised but it was agreed that the temporary accommodation makes this difficult.

The meeting closed at 8.15 pm.