



KINGSWOOD SECONDARY ACADEMY

Parent Forum Minutes 4th February 2014

Present: Darren Gadsby (Vice Principal)
Jon Lawson (Assistant Principal)

Parent	Child in Year
Maggie Carr	7
Stacey Hill	7
Rosetta Tickner	11
Deborah King	6 & 8
Nichola Farley-Mcfadyen	7 & 11

(Matters requiring action are shown in red font, initials in brackets show member of staff responsible for taking action)

Matters arising:

Traffic Challenges:

- o PCSO Steve Coles has been in to support us with this
- o Street Pastors initiative will begin soon
- o SLT are now on duty every day at the front of school both at the start and end of the school day
- o Mrs Tickner offered to contact Sarah Barnwell at the Council / Highways regarding the missing section of yellow zig-zag lining at the front of school on Gainsborough Road
- o Concern by parent forum members about the behaviour of Star Cabs in terms of parking on yellow zigs and turning around in school entrance (JL)

Parent Mail

'Installed' now using for group call, further training this month.

- o All parents to be written to regarding need for up-to-date emails (JL)

Website

'Leave a comment' issue explored between Margaretann /Rosetta/e4education. Further clarification needed (JL)

Parents to think of other improvements to our website for our next meeting – parents

- o Show My Homework – parents really value this but staff are not using it consistently. Please can this be sorted ASAP? (DC)

Reporting

Parents to bring any particular comments/requests following the Term 2 report - parents.

Uniform

Difficulties in uniform supply – shorts & socks are all distributed now.

Prom

Nichola Farley-Mcfadyen requested further information about the prom. Venue has now been changed to Best Western hotel and Nichola had kindly offered her support!

Health & Safety

The underside of the stairs – appropriate painting / delineation scheduled for half-term break.

Uniform Pricing (JL)

Happy that costs being kept down

- o Please can S/M/L be clarified with a size chart (e.g. M=36") (JL)
- o Uniform Order form needs to state 'Wednesday' as the Principal's letter does (JL)
- o Clarify with PE department about students being allowed to wear extra garments in colder weather (DG)

Dining facilities, Break time arrangements & electronic payment (DG)

Explanation of move to 20min/40min break, simpler food offering at Break 1, the changeover during Break 2 for KS3/4 students in the Atrium.

Explanation of new availability during the 40minutes of Break 2 of IT rooms, Mezzanine for Y11, classrooms, Main Hall for table tennis, Sports Hall for basketball / football. In addition to existing availability of astroturf, library, outside areas and courtyard (for Y7/8).

Parents do appreciate changes to timings, extra offerings in terms of activities.

Some negative feedback:

- Concern at Y11 being warned they could lose Mezzanine – it was explained that this was due to litter being left and since being warned this issue has improved very significantly.
- Students being forced to go outside at breaktimes – it was explained about all the places that are on offer but if students do not want to go to any of these then they are not allowed to hang around in corridors and do have to go outside.
- There is less mixing between key stages.
- Uncertainty about whether seating is being provided during Break 1. It has been clarified that we have experimented with this and have now decided to have seating out every Break.

Some positive feedback

- Y11 students do enjoy the privilege of the mezzanine
- The atrium is much calmer

Behaviour (DG)

Mr Gadsby explained the systems and structures that are in place with regards to behaviour. Mr Gadsby also outlined current thinking with regards to modifying the behaviour and rewards systems.

There was some very positive feedback with regard to how a particular incident was dealt with.

Clarification given with regards to punishment of students for use of foul/ abusive language.

- **Parents are keen for further reinforcing of good behaviour – (DG)**
- **Some concern about Vivo and the slowness of students accumulating points – (DG)**
- **Agreed to put rewards onto our next agenda (JL)**

Reporting (JL)

Rolled over to the next meeting.

A.O.B.

Kingswood & Hazel Leys Big Local Group

- £1m to spend over the next few years. **DG to arrange for Claire McLoughlin to contact Rosetta Tickner and explore this. (DG)**
- **Frequency of newsletters – erratic – could it be more predictable e.g. 2 x term (JL)**
- Some very positive feedback about arrangements for Y11 Parents' Evening

Next Agenda:

- Matters arising
- Rewards – (DL / DG)
- Reporting (JL)
- Please could parents bring ideas to the meeting?
- A.O.B.

Jon Lawson thanked all the parents for attending and generously giving their time.

Items for future agendas

- Website improvements & accessibility – parental ideas
- Road safety
- After school clubs
- Parents' evenings

Next Meeting

Tuesday 25th March 6pm