

PARENT FORUM MINUTES

Wednesday 17th January 2018

PRESENT: Jan Marshall, Linda Bennett, Diane Murray, Nicola Dawson, Tina Ball, Clare Shields, Fiona Hughes.

The minutes from the last meeting were reviewed.

Linda Bennett welcomed everyone.

Jan Marshall spoke to everyone about the school website. At the moment it is run by Lynne Jepson who is based in school. An external company has been commissioned to update the website as there were some funds left in that particular budget. They will be taking professional photographs and videos showing what life is like at Lathom High School. Jan showed the group a couple of other school websites as an example to give us an idea of what it will look like. JM also asked the forum to discuss what they would like to see on the website and also if they had anything that they would like changing. The list included;

Much easier access to holiday calendars that were always kept up to date.

Lots of sports updates and photographs.

News about tournaments.

Focus on children who have made the school PROUD doing activities outside of school, eg. Children who play for Premiership Academies, Lancashire Cricket Teams, etc.

Photographs of the Proms and the Christmas Party from the Yr11s.

After school activities to be promoted.

Arts ventures to be promoted.

Photographs of school trips, rewards, awards, etc.

Celebration of GCSE results, especially the 3 pupils who achieved 3 x 9s!

Parent Forum to be promoted and celebrated.

Parent Drop In to be promoted.

Peer Listeners mentioned - what are they there for? Roles? Training?

Access to careers advice and careers available.

JM spoke about the uniform. School are thinking of edging the blazers with a royal blue to make it look smarter. Forum suggested that the school could consider standardising the skirt to a pencil skirt or pinafore. Also, parents felt that the current school tie looked a little outdated and wondered if school would consider changing it to maybe a plain blue one with the school logo on (similar to the Y10/11 one) then changing the Y10/11 to a different colour.

School are considering transport costs as the current bus price is £2.70 return per day. Due to the poor state of the buses, school want to commission their own buses and use their own staff on them to control behaviour. JM will keep forum updated about this.

With regards to the barriers at the back of the school, a Wildlife and Conservation Group are trying to have them removed. The matter is currently going through a court process.

Parents asked about clubs in school, can they start a chess club, also a child was told about a computer-based club where the children will create something. Nothing has come of it though. Sometimes children will show up to a club at lunchtime to be turned away and told that it's not on that week.

Individual communication for any assessments or incidents specific to your child, forum felt that they weren't followed up properly.

Can the group possibly get some feedback on the careers advice that is available to the children. As well as opportunities available to pupils, eg. WAFC Enterprise, bricklaying, etc.