

Present:

Staff	
Dan Scallan (DS)	Deputy Principal
Michelle Newman (MN)	Principal
Leanne Woodward (LW)	Administrator

Parent	Child(ren) in Year
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Amanda Colyer	10
Kate Kinneir	7
Tina Collins	10 & 11
Louise Neal	10 & 11

Apologies from Lynn Haycock and Ana Pereira

DS welcomed everyone to the meeting and introduced himself and gave an overview of his role.

Minutes from last Parent Forum and
Matters arising

- There have been a number of new lunchtime clubs started in the last few weeks; these will be communicated out in the next couple of weeks.
- We are also looking in to starting a before school football club.
- We are in talks with Pure Gym for them to provide us a service; we are hoping to start a boxing club. We hope that Pure Gym will be able to train some of our students to use their equipment.

Topic for this meeting - Climate and Culture

To support our further development as an Academy our current focus is on Climate and Culture, we want to develop a set of values that say this is the Kingswood way. Therefore, we are gathering opinions on what has made Kingswood the school it is, what proud traditions we share as a community and find out what everyone feels we need to do more of to continue our successful journey. We have devised a survey and have started by handing this out to staff. We will also plan to send one out to students and then to parents to gather your opinions. We would appreciate your views tonight so we have a survey for each of you to fill in and discuss now. We want to be able to feed back to the Trust with what parents really want.

Parent Survey given out to Forum members (please see attachment).

Parent discussion of survey - main points

- You need kindness, happiness, respect, tolerance to make a community.
- Kingswood has a good sense of community.
- It looks bad when there are KSA students in their uniforms misbehaving in the street.
- One of the good traditions KSA has is a great open day, all agree it was the best one they went to, it was fun and real.
- Would like to see more rewards for students, sports days, sports fixtures on the website including outcomes.
- It would be good to offer mentoring support as KSA once did, but from Year 7 so the foundations are there.
- It would be good to have a summer school

We are looking at bringing back summer school as part of the Y6 transition period. We have been linking up with the Primary schools recently. We want to make sure the curriculum is right. Primary Schools want Secondary Schools to look more at vulnerable students first. We are starting a nurture group.

Secondary school can be intimidating and even more so for those in much smaller village schools, coming to a secondary is very daunting.

We are doing a lot with the Primary's; French training day, sports day where we swap with them, they come here and we go to them too. An arts day so the youngsters can see that they can do dance and drama here. It is important to have long-term plans not just short term fixes.

Listening to the feedback from students we've been improving a lot within the Academy. We've been breaking up the Atrium queues so they run more efficiently, we have opened up more toilets, we have the new sofa's which are going down well and are being looked after. We are having screens put up to show what is going on in the Academy. We have more lunchtime clubs and are opening up the courtyard at break times again. Staff have been eating and chatting with students at lunch times. If we get the funding we are planning to renovate the toilets, this will be a project for the summer.

AOB

Q: What happens to the donated uniform? A: It is given to those students that cannot afford it.

Q: What do we do if a PE kit has been lost? Price and Buckland have been quite slow at sending out orders. A: The PE department have spares that are washed and ready to use.

A few parents have reported that the blazers are not great quality and they rip at the seams.

Y10 prefects have been launched, 60 applied, we interviewed 19. A diverse mix of students applied saying they are interested in becoming leaders.

Y10 girls have started an anti-bullying group; they are going to be trained to help their peers.

Actions

- Dates for upcoming Parents' Evenings

Parents' Evening and Parents' Information Evening dates	
26 March 2020	Year 12 & 13 Parents' Evening
02 April 2020	Year 10 Parents' Information Evening
07 May 2020	Year 9 Parents' Evening
25 June 2020	Year 6 Parents' Information Evening

- Y11 GCSE timetable required. JL shared at Y11 Parents Evening (February 6)

Agenda for next time:

Climate and Culture results

Proposed dates for future Parent Forum for the remainder of this Academic Year 2020 are:

Monday 16 March Monday 18 May Monday 29 June