

Parent Forum: Meeting 4

Thursday 7th April 2022

2.00pm

Those present:	
Andrew Smith (Great Heath Academy)	Bunmi Akindji (Parent Governor)
Shantel Jenkins	Sarah Elutilo
Jade Latham	Jessica Bland
Grace Ciantar-Hayne	Caroline Lichten
Lynsey Ramsell (GHA – Item 1 only)	

Discussion items:		
1	How the PTA may work with the Parent Forum	Lynsey Ramsell of the GHA PTA attended and spoke about the PTA. Currently, there are 3 members of the PTA, none of whom are parents. We spoke about potential projects for next term, including a disco and a car boot sale. All of the parents at the Forum were invited to join the PTA and LR took details of parents to set up a planning meeting. We spoke about the funding that the PTA previously raised and that it was going to be used to supply trees and shades around the field to give shade for children during the summer.
2	Homework	<p>We discussed what parents wanted from homework. Parents felt that homework was beneficial as it gave an opportunity for them to work with their children and to know more about what they were learning at school. Parents asked for homework to include: Times Table Rockstars, spellings, Lexia, reading, handwriting, creative projects.</p> <p>Parental comments included that sometimes homework was not checked which made children less willing to complete it and that EYFS reading books are boring as they have limited words in them and children find them too easy. ACTION: AS to query this with the English subject leader and the EYFS leader.</p> <p>Parents queried children choosing their own library books as they often chose books that were unsuitable. ACTION: AS to discuss this with teachers.</p> <p>AS suggested a model of homework where children received a “menu” of tasks over a half-term and could complete one per week. Parents liked this approach. ACTION: AS will share this idea with staff to get their feedback.</p>
3	Future plans	<p>AS shared future plans for the school.</p> <p>The school car-park will be resurfaced over the summer holidays. This was originally planned for Easter but has been put back until the summer. The changes will create more parking spaces. Parents raised child safety and asked for pedestrian crossing to enable children to cross the carpark. ACTION: AS will raise this with the Site Manager.</p> <p>The school have been reviewing the curriculum and are reviewing the White Rose maths scheme to replace the existing Primary Advantage maths scheme. White Rose has been trialled in Y5 and YR this term and has been successful, with Y5 spring assessments being higher than expected. The school is actively considering a move to White Rose for September.</p> <p>For the Wider Curriculum, the school is moving from the home-grown topic plans to the Cornerstones scheme from September. Staff are currently reviewing topics.</p>

4	Any other business	<p>Parents requested a second hand uniform sale to aid parents who require uniform. ACTION: AS will raise this with the PTA to see if they are able to facilitate this.</p> <p>Parents enquired about the sensory room. AS confirmed that the school has a sensory rom, and that he would check on how it is used with the SENCo after Easter.</p> <p>The next meeting was planned for 2pm on Thursday 26th May 2022.</p>
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Notes made by Andrew Smith