COLLIS PRIMARY SCHOOL
PARENT FOCUS GROUP
17 May 2019

MINUTES

PARENT FOCUS GROUP MEMBERS

School

Kevin Hogston	Headteacher & Chairman
Sophie Macartney	Assistant Headteacher

Parent Members

	Year Grp	Children
Sarah Veichmanis	Nursery	3, 1, Nurs
David Tyas	Nursery	3, Nurs
Gaya Nolan	Reception	Rec
Jared Griffiths	Reception	Rec
Lee Addis	Reception	Rec
Graham Ball	Year 1	1
Claire Price	Year 2	4, 2
Kate Perham	Year 3	6, 3
Gili Orbach	Year 3	6, 3
Jo Humphreys	Year 4	6, 4
Gavin Clarke	Year 4	4
Jo Gerloch	Year 5	5, 2
Sarah Robinson	Year 6	6
Lorraine King	Year 6	6
Natalie O'Rourke	SEN	3, 1

Governors
Julia Combe

Apologies
Denece Hart, Sarah Veichmanis, Lee Addis, Natalie O'Rourke, Gili Orbach

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

There were no issues arising.

MATTERS ARISING (AOB)

1. School lunches - to be discussed at the next meeting.

2. Clarification was sought over DBS checks. Anyone working or volunteering in school must be DBS checked. The only exceptions are one-off trips that will be assessed on an individual basis.

3. Following feedback from the PFG last year, we have changed the date of the new reception parents' evening from June to September when all the children will have started school. The meeting will include information about day-to-day activities in Reception and curriculum information and it is hoped it will be even more relevant to parents.

WHAT'S WORKING WELL

Year 6 SATs are over. Parents reported that their children found the whole experience to be enjoyable and fun! The breakfasts were particularly successful and put the children in the right frame of mind to start the day with no stress and no worries.

CLOAKROOMS

They can get untidy and a lot of items are mislaid. Class reps will ask parents to create a rota to help tidy up once each week. At the end of each half term, unnamed items will be displayed outside each year group to be reclaimed.

CSA NEEDS MORE SUPPORT

KH will report the results of the recent school survey relating to the CSA at the next meeting. Again, how best to get more parents to support the CSA was discussed briefly. It was suggested that events should be linked to a specific project, so that parents know what the money will be used for, to give the fundraising more focus. Lorraine King will attend the next CSA meeting on behalf of the PFG.

The school will shortly be upgrading its communication capability (Parentmail) between school and home and this will help the CSA distribute information and create more efficient links for ticketing and volunteering.

SWIMMING POOL

Our swimming pool is such a valuable resource but it is in need of refurbishment. If it were to be redeveloped, a new pool with a removable roof would allow more flexible use and could become a valuable source of income. There is a huge demand for such facilities from outside organisations.

To maximise its potential the pool it would have to be rebuilt and these costs would be considerable. Members discussed the possibilities of financing such a project.

OFSTED AND PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT

KH spoke at length about the new Ofsted framework for inspections and particularly its focus on safeguarding, the curriculum, well-being and the attainment and progress of disadvantaged and SEN children.

We aim to work in partnership with our stakeholders and are very grateful for their help and participation in so many aspects of school life. We value their opinions and input. The parent fund is an invaluable and essential source of income and parents have donated generously which allows the school to maintain its wide and varied curriculum.

We will discuss this further with governors at the next meeting.

SPORTS DAY

KH to add the sports day(s) timings to the diary section of the newsletter. The infant events are not competitive and aim to be fully inclusive, exhibiting skills learnt in line with the infant sports curriculum. The Junior sports day is a mixture of competitive and non-competitive events, some individual and some in teams. Both collect house points.

It was suggested that Sports Days could be very good fund raising events if we could provide drinks for parents and ice lollies for the children. KH to speak to the CSA.

ITEMS FOR THE NEXT MEETING (with Governing Body)

Results of our recent Parent Survey
More support for the CSA
What Ofsted is about and parental involvement
School lunches
A forum for Year 6 parents to pass on their knowledge and experience.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Friday 21st June, 1.45pm
Representatives of the governing body will attend the next meeting as observers.