



Alfreton Park Parent/Carer Group

Meeting Tuesday 7th October 2019

In Attendance

Cheryl Smart, Carla Higgins, Rachel Spray, Joanne Palmer, Rachel Owers Jones, Susan Eason, Shari-Ann Hubbal, Lucy Sarna, Andrea Thomas.

Apologies for absence

Sharon Walker, Stacy Osborn, Iain Benzie, Melanie Jones, Christina O'Brien, John Hubbal

Minutes From last meeting agreed by the group present for being true previous meeting

Agenda

- Vision
- New Build
- Communication
- AOB

Actions from Previous meeting:

1. Rachel and Sue to promote Letters sent home about events taking place in and out of school on the Parent/Carer page on Facebook including letter for singing hands trip and volunteers. **Completed**
2. Rachel to post about Parent questionnaire on Parent/Carer Page to encourage response. **Completed**
3. Parents to continue sharing ideas for external events for the summer break on social media platforms and email Sharon so it can be passed on to Parent/Carers without this kind of access along with any links so they can be added to the parent group section on the school website. **Completed**
4. Group to provide Sharon or Cheryl a link for the Facebook Group so it can be added to the website. **Completed**
5. Sharon to send out letters for activities again in September and speak with Genesis centre for possible disco at later date also to contact paperclip for more information. **Ongoing**
6. Cheryl to speak to Richard to get link for group posted on school website. **Completed**
7. Cheryl to investigate other app platforms for communicating with parents. **Completed**

Vision

Cheryl Presented the new vision document to the group, Highlighting the areas the group helped to bring to it with ideas from the first meeting.

New Build

Cheryl Announced that the school had received Planning approval for the new school to be built with hopeful completion of Sept 2021, Plans were shown, and the group felt very positive for the future and thanked everyone that had been involved for making it a success.

Also explained that the school council has had some great ideas for the new school, and they are very excited to be involve with it.

Communication

Some Members of the group stated they hadn't received the bookmarks that were discussed last meeting, which came out on first week back in September and questionnaire sent out in July. Parents were shown an example of the bookmarks and they will be asking class teachers for them.

Two Parents stated that there is still a handful of parents using social media to express their disappointment with the school a letter went out back in April for all parent and carers about how to communicate effectively with the school, However the group agreed that they would try to use positive encouragement to make others feel more at ease about approaching the school correctly on social media.

There is still an issue with Letters not being received by parents and home school diaries not being filled in but Cheryl explained that the staff try their very best to ensure it happens daily but sometimes due to staff sickness or events happening within the school time is short, Parent Governors Rachel & Carla offered to do a learning walk to investigate how this could be made easier for staff and parents to get the communication desired.

One parent asked if it would be possible to received information earlier than a day noticed for events coming up to help parents/Carers plan effectively.

AOB

One parent expressed Concerns over a tree facing playgroup, Cheryl explained that a tree survey had taken place on said tree however she will investigate further.

One Parent asked if it would be possible to organise a coffee morning or apply for grants to provide funding for out of school holiday activities. Parent to talk with business manager for grant information or look on Local Offer website, also asked if it would be possible to start up a café for work experience because genesis centre have a café and soft play area they rent out, this would be something to discuss in the future as needs to be fully investigated correctly.

Parent questioned when Flu Vaccinations were taking place and they start on the Tuesday 15th October 2019, Due to a change in how the NHS approach how parents/Carers are

informed the link the school was provided was a little confusing, therefore lead to some believing their child would not be receiving the vaccination after 12 years of age however after some investigation it has been found that all pupils wanting a flu vaccination in a special needs school setting will get one.

A few group members explained they had offered to do volunteering within the school but haven't been asked to do so, Cheryl said she would chat with Tracy Cross to see what's available, Some Group members said they also didn't mind coming in and organising cupboards or just general helping within the school.

Cheryl Investigated other forms of app communication but at the present moment Parent Hub is more cost effective, A letter was organised and sent home after advice from the app creators giving details on how ensure your receiving notifications on your phone.

Actions

Rachel to create an events calendar on social media for upcoming school events and post information on the parent/carer page.

Admins of the Parent /Carer Social Media Group will upload any generic letters about events taking place within school excluding class activities because these are unknown.

Carla and Rachel (Parent Governors) to complete a learning walk about parents not receiving letters etc

Andrea to investigate coffee morning and possible grant applications for funding for activities out of school.

Cheryl to talk with the business manager about tree survey and Tracy Cross about Volunteer opportunities

Group to investigate genesis for any future fundraising events.

Next Meeting

(Subject to change if required)