



Wood End Park Academy Parent Council

22nd January 2015
Minutes

Present: Sarah Mules, Sofia , Abida , Heena , Jevina , Farhio, Amina, Sabahey
Apologies: Kamila Glowak,

	Item
1.	<p>Role of Parent Council</p> <p>Parents asked if the name of the Parent Council could be changed as they felt that some parents are confused by the name and think that it is the Academy Council. They felt that it might be appropriate to call it 'Parent Voice'. Sarah explained that this was a term that was being used across the Federation. A discussion followed about the role of the Parents council and clarification was given that the group meet to share ideas to improve Parent contact and to share ideas and new initiatives to improve and enhance the school experience for all pupils.</p> <p>It was thought that the Parent Council should be a limited number of parents to represent other parents and two representatives from each Year group would give a healthy representation of all areas of the school.</p> <p>The representation at the moment is as follows</p> <p>Nursery - Reception - Abeda, Amina, Sabahey Year 1 – Jevina, Year 2 – Abeda, Heena, Farhio, Kamila Year 3 – Sofia Year 4 – Year 5 – Farhio Year 6 -</p> <p>Parents will canvas the parent in Nursery, Years 3,4,5 and 6 to get a wider coverage of opinions for future meetings.</p> <p>There was a question about the letter given about the vacancy for a Parent representative on the Academy Council. Sarah explained the role of the Academy Council and explained that anyone interested to ask at reception for more information.</p>
2.	<p>Facebook and social media</p> <p>Jevina asked if there was any potential in using Facebook or social media as a means of sharing ideas about the school. Sarah explained that this could be a possibility but that it would have to a closed group with moderators in place to ensure that the group did not become a forum for lots of negative comments. Sarah said she would discuss this with Ms Johra.</p> <p>There was also concerns about the way that children wearing Wood End Park school uniforms are judged. One parent had an unpleasent encounter with a member of the public. It was explained that historically the school had a poor reputation but that in the past five years the school had really improved and was becoming the school of choice in the area. The school has a waiting list for some year groups.</p> <p>Parents agreed that it was a good school and were encouraged to think about ways the school could be promoted in a more positive way. This will be discussed at the next meeting.</p>
3.	<p>Social, Moral, Spiritual and Cultural education in school. (SMSC)</p> <p>Sarah explained that SMSC was a very important part of the curriculum and that whilst we at Wood End Park</p>

	<p>have always taken this very seriously, there was raised profile under the new OFSTED framework and that a new part included 'British Values' Documents were circulated to parents and each item explained.</p> <p>Sarah showed the group and overview of how we currently meet the new items and that we were developing this as the term progresses. It was suggested that Parents think about the curriculum and consider anything that could be added to what we do in school to help promote these values with a particular thought to their own culture and how their children feel these values embedded in the school life. Parents will feedback at the next meeting.</p>
4.	<p>The next big Parent event is the geography exhibition on Thursday 12th February from 3.30- 5.30pm. This event will also include some debates for parents to watch. Please do encourage other parents to attend this event.</p>
5.	<p>Date and Time of the next meeting</p> <p>The next meeting will take place on Thursday 5th March at 2.15pm in the Key Stage 2 Hall.</p>