



Report on Parent's and Carers council meeting

Date - Thursday 17 June 2010 Time - 7.00 pm

Introduction	KSC chaired the meeting and opened meeting by thanking Nathan Gardner (assistant head teacher) for attending.
Matters arising	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None raised
Update on Headteacher	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nigel Rogers – chair of governors informed council that Ms Mansuri had resigned from her position as head teacher. Nigel stated that this was the right decision for her and that the school was moving forward. Advert for new head teacher would be going into the times education supplement. • Students and staff would be given an opportunity to say goodbye to Ms Mansuri. • Mr Wilkinson would remain in post until appointment of new head teacher.
Prefects	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Paul Castle reported that the Elmgreen School had now trained and deployed 24 prefects. • Parents reported that they liked the process of selecting prefects and that students had reported positively about their roles.
Reports	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Paul Castle informed council that all students would be receiving an end of year report which would be posted in the last week of the summer term. Report would contain a covering letter explaining the reports. • Families stated that they were looking forward to receiving these reports.
Work experience	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nathan Gardner explained how the school intended to move forward with work experience for year 10 students. • From October the school would be helping students to find suitable placements but students and families encouraged to support this process. A form was distributed to encourage parents who had contacts for suitable placements to complete and return to the school.
June start date for new academic year	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nathan Gardner explained the reasoning behind a June start date for the new academic year. • School did not want year 9 students losing out on study time after choosing their key stage 4 options. • This start date would offer flexibility to the key stage 4 subjects. • Nathan Gardner reported that the whole school staff had been consulted on this start date and had all agreed to changes. • All year 9 students would receive summer ILPs to help prepare them for September. • Nathan Gardner explained how the school was moving to mixed ability groups and setting in Maths, English and Science lessons and informed council that progress of students would be monitored regularly in order to measure impact. • Families wanted to ensure that the most able students would be stretched in these mixed ability classes. • One parent reported that her child was truly happy in her new classes. • Suggestion was made that less experienced teachers should be supported by senior team while new classes and groups were settling. Paul Castle assured

	<p>council that there were good monitoring systems in place at the school.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Some concerns were raised over behaviour in some classes. • Paul castle stressed that the school was open for families to arrange a visit during the learning day and an arrangement was made for one family to come into school on a visit and feedback to parent’s council on their findings.
LPPA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kate Scrace informed the council that the school had successfully applied for the leading parent’s partnership award and had indeed received this award for their ongoing work with families. She stated that the application had started in 2008 and was a major achievement for the school to have received the award.
AOB	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One parent raised the issue of steel pan band being set up in the school for students with an interest in this area. • Concerns were raised over the clarity of the ILP structure which was on the school website and students were not receiving ILPs at the published times. • Parents noticed a reduction in the number of ILPs given out last year by teachers. • Parents had arranged to meet Mr Macfayden regarding SEN provision which had been discussed at the last parent meeting. New SENCO would be invited to a future meeting of the parents council. • Issue were raised about teachers being observed in lessons- PCA informed meetings that teachers were observed regularly through performance management, learning walks and work scrutiny. TES operates an open door policy where line managers and subject leaders are constantly in and out of classrooms. • Families wanted more sports and activities targeted at girls. Swimming was given as a sport that could be explored and suggestion was made that the swimming pool at Dulwich College could be a good venue to run a swimming club. • An issue was raised over the cancelling of enrichment clubs and families not being informed before hand that these clubs and activities would not run. Paul Castle to address this issue with staff. • Council informed of the open house project and that the school would be taking part on Saturday 18 September 2010 from 11am – 4pm. • One parent wanted ILPs sent directly to her from DHOC as her child was failing to bring ILP home.
Time and dates for next meeting.	<p>All parents were happy to meet once every half term and so next meeting was agreed for Thursday 16 September 2010.</p>