

Parent Council meeting Mon 10 June 6 - 7.30

Attendees: Allana Kelly, Vanessa Redmond, Sam Miller, Gerry Hogan, BM, CC

1. HT update (shared in advance)

The sway was welcomed. PC members suggested that a monthly newsletter might be welcome, which could be shared with all parents/caters as well as parent council members. The HT update to parent council could then just highlight particularly important developments from the newsletters. It was also agreed that the parent council should host a head teacher Town hall, which could be on the same night as the PC AGM in September.

There was discussion about the house system. This has had a soft launch, and would be being rolled out more fully through a series of house assemblies. There was recognition that the new house system should help young people know who they could go to for support. The new system would be monitored and it was agreed that the Parent council would be updated in the second half of the next session.

2. School improvement plan

The main feedback was that the school had introduced lots of change this year and so next year would be important to consolidate and embed those changes.

Communication given all the changes, for example the website and getting a full set of emails for parents/carers would also be welcome.

In terms of feedback on the current missions:

Mission 1

- the PC welcomed the idl approach with S1s this year. To what extent could that approach be used to make links across the curriculum?  
(E.g AK noted a science idl approach used in another high school).

Mission 2

- The PC welcomed the consistent approach on uniforms/time keeping etc, and welcomed plans to have a consistent and clearer approach to mobile phone use next year.  
- it was recognised that whilst the school had made progress, there would be benefit in further developing communications approaches to parents and careers, including ensuring that the school website was a single source of accurate, accessible information.

Mission 3

- the progress this year was noted. It was suggested that more comms to parents and carers about changes made as a result of quality assurance processes.  
- a number of suggestions for parental engagement were made, for example thematic sessions with parents, wider range of methods (emails, website etc).