

Parents' Forum Minutes held at Grove Park Primary School -3rd of March 2017

Notes on the parents forum meeting held on the 3rd of March 2017. Head teacher - Darren Jones (DJ), and Vicky Rodrigues (VR), represented the school leadership team. Maryam Shahmanesh (MS) (twins in year 2 and school leaver in year 7) chaired the meeting and Abigail Klapp (children in year 2 and 4) took minutes. Parents and Carers, Parent Teacher Association (PTA), and Class Reps were present.

FYI: An agenda is compiled by MS from questions raised by parents, career and class reps in advance of the meeting. Points from the agenda are summarized as heading in these minutes. All past agendas are available from the school or m.shahmanesh@ucl.ac.uk.

Matters arising from the previous minutes:

Class reps:

- There was no feedback on the topics that parents would like covered –

AP: School and PSA to ask parents before next forum which topics they would like the school and PSA to cover.

Attendance numbers have dwindled and the school wants to ensure that it is covering issues and themes relevant to the parents and carers of Grove Park.

School:

- VR gave an update on the lunch tastings: 4 parent tasters came into school during the 2nd week of January. The feedback was very positive.

FYI: If parents have any further any suggestions, or questions about school dinners please pop your written thoughts into the suggestion box outside the front of the school.

- **After school French:** Activa are looking into which clubs will be offered in the Summer Term
- **"Music Map":** This will be updated to the school website.
- **Concert/sports day notification:** The school is working hard to ensure working parents are given sufficient notice of events e.g concerts, assemblies, and plays. Sports day will be announced before Easter.
- **Videoring of concerts:** Chiswick Buzz filmed the concerts at Christmas. The next major concert will be filmed during the dress rehearsal to improve the quality of the filming and the school are looking into cheaper solutions.
- **Reception PE:**
 - The school curriculum on PE in reception has been added to the reception website and will be added to the PE webpage.
 - The PE kit requirement for reception pupils has been updated
 - A parent workshop session on how PE is taught in Grove Park is planned for the summer term
- **Financial contributions on Parentmail:** this is now up and running so that parents can make additional donations for school trips.
- **Aktiva:** VR is still looking to various options regarding after school care - any issues regarding Aktiva please in the meantime contact Vicky

School funding (multiple years)

DJ: The plans, announced late last year, will change the way that "per" pupil funding for schools is allocated. As yet the school does not know how these recent cuts will affect Grove Park. The funding changes are likely to take effect from the academic year 2018-2019. There are many conversations being had across the school, the governing body and the borough regarding fund raising. There are also conversations amongst the state primary schools of chiswick and there has been a soft collaboration with various services. As the school is still considering its options any conversations are at the very early stages. As an "Outstanding" School we are in a very good position to move forward.

New curriculum (KS1 and KS2)

DJ: Last years SATS results are a testament to the success of the teaching here at Grove Park. The experienced teachers and NQT's wholly embraced the new curriculum. It was a significant and sustained change to the way we teach. However, we have satisfied our statutory obligations, in a really fun and exciting way! We are, and continue to be one of the highest performing Primaries in England.

Extracurricular Music (Y2)

DJ: The school will investigate whether practice books are written in and the idea of a concert will be discussed with

the relevant tutors.

AP: School to let singing academy know that practice books are not completed

Playground plans (all years)

The children have been consulted extensively and the school is working on plans to present to the parents in the summer term. Vicky and Brian have been working tirelessly behind the scenes to ensure that the money is well spent and whatever is built, is built to last and put to good use by the students. The date for the playground refit will be sometime during the summer, but it does depend on what the parents, pupils and staff chose.

AP: School to circulate playground plans in the summer term.

Microwave for packed lunches (Y6)

This is not a practical option for the school.

Fences (Y3)

Mr. Hardman has looked into the robustness of the fencing and he satisfied there is no safety risk. Any damage is immediately fixed. The gates at the front and the back were supposed to be replaced as part of the expansion plans, the school is still on the local authorities waiting list.

Communication (Y2, 4)

The level of communication is fantastic and with the advent of "Parentmail" it has never been easier to communicate with parents. It's appreciated that during some weeks & days parents will receive multiple emails. The school is looking into how to better use the Subject bar to ensure prompt response to emails that require action. Given the level of communication from the school there is some discussion regarding the frequency of the school newsletter, over the coming months it will be decided whether to reduce its frequency to once a month. There are also plans for school paper run by the children, watch this space!

Aktiva (Y3)

The school cannot comment on specific issues regarding Aktiva as Vicky is waiting on a response from the management team. Contract review will happen next year, in the meantime the club listing for next term will be issued before the Easter holidays. Vicky will continue to do a cost comparison.

AP: Parents to continue to keep Vicky updated on Aktiva related issues.

Summary of action points:

For Class reps and parents/carers:

- ***Class Reps to ask parents before next forum which topics they would like the school and PSA to cover***
- ***Parents to continue to keep Vicky updated on Aktiva related issues.***

School

- ***School to let the singing academy know that practice books are not completed***
- ***School to circulate playground plans in the summer term.***

NEXT FORUM VR WILL BE REVIEWING OPTIONS FOR THE SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHER – PORTFOLIOS FROM 2 ALTERNATIVE PHOTOGRAPHERS WILL BE AVAILABLE AND A DECISION WILL BE MADE ON WHETHER TO CHANGE OR REMAIN WITH OUR EXISTING PHOTOGRAPHER. PLEASE ATTEND.

DATE OF THE NEXT FORUM IS FRIDAY 5th MAY