



Parent Council Meeting

27th February 2020, 14:15

Holland Road Site

Present:

- Maddie Southern (MS) – Headteacher
- Lorna Cummings (LC) – Head of School
- Zoe Bell – Y3 & Y6 Parent & PTA
- Sarah Powels – Y4 Parent
- Amanda Drew – Y6 Parent
- Megan Jones – Y4 Parent

1. Apologies

- None received.

2. Welcome & Introductions

- MS/LC opened the meeting at 14:15 with a warm welcome to parents and carers.
- MS shared the sad news that Mr Jeff Nixon, Chair of Governors, passed away on Sunday 23rd February.
- Jeff Nixon had been a part of the Governing Body for twenty years and Chair of Governors for eleven years. He was passionate about the school, loved the staff and pupils and was very proud of it. The school has been supporting the family at this difficult time.

3. Minutes (12th December 2019) - Matters Arising

- LC explained that the school is happy to discuss individual plans to accommodate families with issues resulting from the school day timings at Connaught Road (Infants) and Holland Road (Juniors). All families that have approached the school on this matter have been accommodated.
- Parent Council participants reflected that the new finish time is working well for older pupils who walk to the Infants school.
- School workshops are now accommodating the new times to ensure that all parents/carers can attend.

4. Parking & Road Safety

- LC explained the 'School Travel Plan' and the school safety remit, which is also available on the school website - <https://www.hovejuniorschool.co.uk/page/?title=School+Travel+Plan&pid=120>
- MS explained that Councillor Robert Nemeth joined the last Portland Road Parent Council meeting to discuss road safety and parking. A **Road Safety Working Group** is being established, to include senior leadership from the school, interested parents/carers and Robert Nemeth.



- The Road Safety Team have been into school and delivered an assembly for Y5 and Y6. This assembly has subsequently been mirrored for Y3 and Y4.
- The assemblies focussed on independent road safety, walking safely and increasing children's self-awareness.
- New parking barriers have been ordered and put up.
- More visual road safety boards to deter unsafe parking (as illustrated below) have been budgeted for, which are expected to cost £988:



- A road safety letter to parents/carers will be written by the children and will feature in the next newsletter. Copies of this letter will be handed out to parents/carers outside the school gates and at Parent's Evening as needed.
- Participants considered whether it would be helpful for a bike lane be added between the Holland Road and Connaught Road sites, with a view to improve safety for children travelling on bicycles.
 - **Action** – LC to speak to the School Council/Ben Esposito (Assistant Head) and work with pupils to map the journey from Holland Road to Connaught Road, exploring potential safety issues.
 - **Action** – LC to speak with the Local Authority to request more regular parking patrols around the school site.

5. PTA

- £1100 was raised at from the Valentine's Day Disco.
- LC thanked the PTA for all their hard work in raising funds for the school.
- £117.50 was raised from the 'Cauliflower Cards'.
- £1650 was raised from the Christmas Fayre.
- £108 was raised from 'Dress Down' Day.
- The PTA have now met with the Eco Team. The following items have subsequently purchased in partnership with the Eco Council and Mrs Esposito:
 - Bird Boxes
 - Bird Video Scanning
 - Hedgehog House
- The PTA have purchased a 'Book Box Hut', which will be unveiled for **World Book Day on 6th March**. It is lockable and waterproof. Donations for books will be requested by the PTA to be placed inside the hut, ready for launch.
 - **Action** – LC to send details of the 'Book Hut' to MS for the PR site.



- Forthcoming activities/events (still to booked and confirmed):
 - 4th May – **VE Day Party**: further details to be shared with parents/carers soon.
 - Friday 19th June – **Summer Fayre**
 - **Year 6 Area** – Year 6 Lead to share furniture costings with the PTA.
 - **Year 6 Hoodies** – to be ordered by the PTA for the Summer Term. More details to follow.
 - **Art & Music Curriculum Workshops** – currently being organised for the Summer Olympics. PTA to support costs.
 - **Action** – LC to send costings for Olympics Workshops to PTA.

6. Issues from Parents/Carers

- **Request for Writing Interventions in Y5** – MC/LC explained that writing interventions are currently prioritised for Y6 pupils and delivered by a specialist teacher. However, same day interventions are now used regularly in the classroom and are delivered by class teachers.
 - **Action** – LC agreed to share the interventions used by the school, e.g. BRP/Maths, in the next newsletter.
 - **Action** – MS to include 'Intervention Overview' on the agenda for the next Parent Council meeting.

- **Request for pupils to be mixed up at lunchtime, so they can be seated with their friends** – Parents expressed concerns over pupils being able to maintain long-term friendships with pupils in other classes. LC explained that pupils are called into lunch class by class. LC committed to explore the feasibility of a trial to send pupils into lunch by year group, following further discussion.

7. AOB/Date of next meeting

- Date of next meeting **Thursday 2nd April 2020, 2:15pm @ Holland Road.**