

Minutes of Mayfield Parent Council meeting February 24th 2017.

Present: Elizabeth Collins (6O), Romola Davenport (5B), Helen Doran (6O), Tricia Gilmour (5B), Judith Greenwood (Governor), Tracey Latimore (1H), Sarah Peake (5ME) Henny Priest (RC), Jo Rowell (RC) Zoe Smith (2HS), Sarah Stepney (Deputy Head).

Note: SS = Sarah Stepney

Item	Action
<p>1. Year 3 hot food not sufficient. Does food run out for last year groups because children eating earlier take second or third helpings? SS: second helpings of meals not allowed, only salads and cold food.</p>	<p>Refer parents to FAQs for how to contact Aspens.</p> <p>Address with caterers (SS) Teacher oversight of children taking seconds (SS)</p>
<p>2. Year 6 Peer Mediation (PM) This concept was introduced to parents at Curriculum Meeting in the Autumn - what it is and how it works. Children have supervision and guidance. Sessions overseen by Mrs Ashby (Librarian, with peer mediation training). There are eight Yr 6 Peer Mediators. They have a script to follow. PM new to Mayfield - found to be useful for Yr 5s and younger. More difficult if year 6s mediating each other. Records kept of all PM conversations.</p>	<p>If required, workshop to be arranged for members of Parent Council to explain peer mediation (SS)</p>
<p>3. SENs Supervision on School Trips Teacher responsible for risk assessment. Statutory ratios should be fulfilled.</p>	<p>Parents should voice concerns to class teacher.</p>
<p>4. Year 5 Cake/Book sale. Could book sales be substituted for cake sales, as a healthier alternative?</p>	<p>Proposed book sale for library - PTA rep - no reason not to substitute books/cakes.</p>
<p>5. Parent Council representatives needed for year 4 and for Reception classes.</p>	<p>School to email parents directly via Parent Mail to elicit volunteers.</p>
<p>6. Year 2 Online searches - Free searching on iPads leading to inappropriate images/videos (project on Antarctica brought up violent images when searching for 'killer whales'). What controls are there on iPads? SS: County-specific filters on computers and iPads. 'Safe-share' screen for video clips (used by school). In the specific year 2 case the children were not supposed to be free-searching but were supposed to be on a specific website. Children told to switch off search and tell teacher immediately if they see something inappropriate.</p>	
<p>7. Update re academy status Mayfield has opted for 'horizontal' arrangement, to form a multi-academy trust (MAT) with other primary schools (as opposed to vertical with Chesterton secondary school). Governors keen to join a trust with the Spinney, a primary school in Cherry Hinton headed by Rae Snape. The Spinney has voted to proceed with a MAT with Fulbourn,</p>	

<p>Mayfield and possibly another school. The Spinney was rated 'outstanding' in last Ofsted inspection. Rae Snape would be CEO of MAT. The Spinney already runs professional development courses for teachers, and is designated a 'teaching school' – a hub for identifying high-performing teachers to share good practice and deliver training (such as Paula Ayliffe).</p> <p>Next step is for Heads and Deputy Heads to meet. There will be a CEO of all 4 schools, and a Board of Trustees composed of volunteers with expertise in finance and education. Committees of governors will oversee 'across' all 4 schools, with local school committees for issues specific to premises.</p> <p>Each school applies to become an academy with view to joining multi academy trust.</p> <p>All 4 schools keen to develop STEM subjects. Strong focus on creative subjects.</p> <p>Hearing Impaired Unit at Mayfield will be retained, but is more complex legally (belongs to County?).</p> <p>Academy Trust schools benefit from economies of scale eg HR, specialist teachers. But main reason for pushing ahead is the assumption that all schools will be compelled to join MATs, and so being pro-active allows the school to choose their MAT and have input into the structure etc at an early stage. Not clear though whether political impetus driving MATs will be sustained.</p>	
<p>8. Any Other Business. Indoor shoes missing (year 2).</p>	