

Parent Council Meeting Minutes 28th November 2017

Children's Kitchen 9am - 10am

Attendees:

Roisin Vaughan (Chair) (3T)
Dave Eisenthal (3T) (Minutes)
Zoe Smith (3E)
Henny Priest (1AC)
Alexa Sugar-Derichs (4E)
Yunjeong Shin (4E)
Romola Davenport (6D)
Lynda Bramwell (6N)
Sarah Stepney (school)
Judith Greenwood (Governors)

Apologies:

Tracey Lattimore (2G)
Martine Goncalves (2G)
Kim Komljanec (2LM)
Orla Machin (4E)
Tricia Gilmour (6D)
Lucie Arnaud (4)

1. **Mayfield Mile: what is it? Are children allowed to run if they want to?**

S.S explained the Mayfield Mile happens on Monday mornings first thing when the children get to walk round the playing field and chat before assembly.

It was agreed it was a good thing, but there are time constraints in it happening more often. There have been reports of children being told off for running.

Children are allowed to run; this will be communicated to teachers.

2. **Food Policy/Snacks**

There was parent concern about the consistency of the healthy snack policy.

The snack policy is being discussed and updated by the Premises and Pupil Wellbeing Committee.

3. **Dirty cutlery.**

This should be reported to the school office.

4. **Venue for Christmas concert.**

It was agreed that ideally the venue should be close to the school, so within walking distance, but finding venues that are large enough is an issue.

Also, parking is tricky if the venue is in town. It was mentioned that parents with a college connection might be able to help, though this wouldn't help with the parking issues. Any parents with suggestions for future venues should email Sarah Stepney in the first instance.

5. **Parents parking on zig-zag and double yellow lines outside school.**

An ongoing issue. It was suggested that maybe a traffic warden or PCSO could visit - but unlikely. It was asked if the staff member at the gate could intervene, but they have to man the gate.

D.E suggested cones could be put on the zigzags to further deter people stopping there. This will be looked into. It was agreed that a reminder to parents will be added to the next newsletter and ideally communications should also be coordinated with Roundabout parents.

6. External maintenance.

Parents are encouraged to get in touch with the school office if they see issues with external maintenance, e.g. gutters, planters etc. S.S explained that there have been issues getting cleaners so Mr Taylor was more busy inside. J.G said that the budget could be looked at for dealing with the maintenance issues as an interim measure.

7. Internal maintenance.

The issues caused by flooding of the Y2 cloakroom are being resolved and the carpet is being replaced next week.

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8. MAT

An update was requested regarding the MAT process.

There will be a parent consultation phase kicking off in January/February when parents will be given an update and invited to submit questions ahead of a formal consultation meeting. In the meantime, J.G said any questions could be forwarded to her via the school office email and parents are also advised to look at this website for more information: <https://www.cambridgeinnovationtrust.com/>

9. Reading and Sleepover

Alexa asked about a reading and sleepover, in the library. It was agreed that this is something the PTA could take forward and it will be added to the next PTA agenda.

10. New Head Teacher

R.D asked if recruiting was more complicated with the forthcoming MAT. J.G explained that there is an enthusiastic recruitment committee in place and progress is being made towards the advertising process.

Next PC meeting to be organised and chaired by the year 4 Reps.