

## Parent Council meeting 22/11/16

Present: H. Jones, A. McCafferty, S. White, S. Wilson, C. Bradbury and D. Bullock. H. Gibson.

Apologies: L. Byatt , J. Blinston, L. Ostrouchow, P. Bettany and K. Johnson

1. Opening prayer
2. Minutes of the last meeting and matters arising – HG informed the group that we successfully achieved the anti-bullying mark last week. Also, from the last meeting the group asked if we could have an update on the rewards and sanctions policy – Mr Bell will come along to meeting 14<sup>th</sup> March 2017.
3. G+T update: C. Bradbury took the group through what we mean by ‘gifted’ and ‘talented’ and how students are selected. This includes the shadow registers. CB explained the provision that is currently in place for Years 7 – 11. We have plans to extend this further into the moorlands – a good example is the Year 11 Art workshop that’s taking place in December for ‘gifted’ artists. We also have primary G+T sessions. CB highlighted the parental information evening due to take place next week. S. White offered her help with the business club.
4. Website: homepage not mobile responsive – CB to look into this with Stuart Young in ICT. The group commented on the usefulness of the website and that there had been vast improvements. Q: Could we have a link on the homepage to download the Painsley App? Is the Painsley app being updated? HG/CB to explore this for the next meeting. A push notification system is better for letters/reminders eg the CSE evening. How do we make sure parents are receiving the letters? There is a section for letters on the website – CB to see that letters (whole school) are on the website.
5. Safeguarding update: DJB informed the group of the CSE/gangs information evening next week – 29/11/16. 60 parents attended the last information evening. DJB is hoping for more this time. Staffordshire police will lead this. Parents are asked not to bring children because of the content. Q: How much communication has there been with TCA over this? DJB – lots we are working together with TCA. DJB took the group through the referral system, parent safeguarding overview document, the A5 visitor information handout that will be available in reception and ‘how we safeguard at painsley’ action list. These are available on the website along with the safeguarding policy. S. White commented on an issue that had occurred in school that involved her Year 7 son that had been dealt with superbly by both the HOY and safeguarding lead. S. White said that the communication was excellent and put her mind at ease. HG will pass these comments onto the HOY 7.
6. LPPA – self evaluation form is complete and ready for submission. We have lots of strengths including communication, the development of parent/student workshops and our parent council group. Areas for development – maintaining a highly representative parent council group of all learners and all tear groups. Q: Could we change the time? We could explore alternating the time over the 4 meetings to attempt to allow some parents to attend at least 2 meetings on a later slot. Q: Should we change the name to ‘Parent forum’? Q: Do people think they have to apply? The agreed that a letter would be sent out inviting parents and explaining that it is open to

all. This would include some of the topics that are discussed and to ask the question – do you have a view on... anti-bullying, safeguarding, rewards and sanctions. We also discussed an online forum (could just be via email). If a parent can't make it they can still engage through an alternative forum.

7. AOB – S. Kyte asked how the achievement points correlate with effort – could this be discussed next meeting?
8. Future meetings – tour of the school and duke of Edinburgh scheme