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Parent Council Meeting 1 - 2022/2023

Date/Time: Monday 7th November 2022 4:30pm

Location: AD07, Bluecoat Aspley Academy

Chair: Mr Amin/Mr Khan

Present: Mr Amin, Mr Khan, Miss Schofield, Mr Turton, Mrs Harrison, Mrs Lacey

Item		Actions
1. Welcome & Introductions (Mr Amin) 2. Aim of Parent Council (Mr Amin)	<p>NA4 thanked everyone for attendance (highlighting good turnout) and welcomed new parents. NA4 introduced all staff present and explained the purpose and aim of the Parent Council. NA4 detailed the need for the Academy to work closely with families and how vital input and feedback is for the Academy to understand what it does well and where there is room for improvement.</p> <p>NA4 reviewed the previous meetings actions/minutes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <u>Uniform</u> NA4 explained expectations were lowered during COVID due to difficulties shopping for correct uniform. However, as all shops are now open as usual the Academy's usual high expectations were now being observed and students were expected to be in full correct uniform - <u>Negative Point Letters</u> NA4 explained that at the end of the last academic year the Academy had trialled a process whereby the Academy would post weekly letters to all students that had received a negative point. After reviewing this process and the costs this has now been stopped. NA4 encouraged all parents/carers to monitor G4S for this information and data - <u>Saturday Workshops</u> NA4 explained what these were, how students were allocated to them and that they will be running again in the near future. - <u>Go4Schools Abbreviations</u> NA4 explained there had been some confusion with abbreviations and terms on G4S and students Parents' Evening data sheets. The Academy have noted this and now provide a key 	
3. Dates for the Academy Year (Mr Amin)	NA4 clarified dates for upcoming meetings and directed parents/carers to the website for dates, agendas and meeting minutes.	NTS - Confirm dates are on the website and the Parent Council page is accurate
4. Welcome from the Principal (Mr Turton)	MTU introduced himself, giving a brief overview of his education background. MTU recognised the past few years as being difficult and expressed how pleased the Academy were to be able to get back to 'normal'. MTU reiterated how important parental engagement was and encouraged feedback. MTU finally thanked parents/carers for coming and expressed how excited he was to start working with families here at BAA.	

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<p>Prepare & Review Booklets</p> <p>(Mrs Harrison)</p> <p>Homework Feedback</p> <p>(Mrs Harrison)</p>	<p>MH2 shared some sample Prepare & Review Booklets with parents/carers. Parents/carers were encouraged to speak with their child if they have not seen the booklets as Years 7 -10 all have been issued the booklets. MH2 talked through the booklets, explained how they are used by students and staff and highlighted/explained key vocabulary. MH2 explained interactive features e.g. Youtube links and QR Codes.</p> <p>MH2 explained how the booklets linked to homework and how parents/carers can support students in their learning, preparation for lessons and homework. MH2 reminded parents/carers homework is allocated on Go4Schools and that they have access to view this for their child.</p> <p>MH2 invited parents/carers to give their thoughts/opinions and feedback on both the Prepare & Review Booklets and homework (do students have too much homework/too little, are the booklets helpful, do they help you support students, are they easily understood, any additions/adjustments etc). Parents/carers were quite reserved at first so were encouraged to have conversations and share ideas within smaller groups. NA4, MK, MH2 & KL circled the room answering questions and discussing parents/carers thoughts and ideas. The booklets were well received and the feedback was positive, homework feedback was divided. Parents/carers of Year 7 students raised concerns with students having too many systems to use and problems logging in. NTS offered to take details following the meeting of log in problems and forward them on accordingly to be resolved. Discussions took place regarding the Academy helping students by printing all systems log in details.</p>	<p>MH2 to consider adding a 'Log in details' page in next academic years planners</p> <p>MH2/NTS to check how log ins are set and arrange for highlighted individuals to be helped to get onto relevant systems</p>
<p>5. SENSO Cloud</p>	<p>MK explained the new SENSO system. This has now been implemented following safeguarding gaps being identified. MK showed a few examples to demonstrate how the system is being used.</p> <p>Parents/carers appeared happy with this system and were pleased about the implementation.</p>	
<p>6. Financial Crisis & Academy Support (Mr Khan)</p>	<p>MK shared the document sent via ParentMail to all families and highlighted the Academy are here to help where possible. MK invited parents/carers to talk to the Academy if they need support. NA4 asked for parents/carers to share this information and message with other families of current students that are not present at the meeting. NA4 explained that the Academy are working with some charities and are hoping to be able to issue hampers/food parcels for families needing them.</p> <p>MTU asked if any parents/carers have any ideas that the academy can implement and/or are aware of charities or businesses we can work with to support families to please share them.</p> <p>KL shared that the Academy have recently been signed up to become a food parcel voucher provider; and that work is</p>	<p>KL/MK/NTS to work on creating a process within the Academy for vouchers to be issued and communications to families about this process</p> <p>MK to speak with the kitchen staff to reiterate no student should go without a meal</p>

	<p>currently underway on a process for us to issue these and to provide communications to our families regarding this.</p> <p>Parents/carers seemed happy with efforts from the Academy to date however concerns were raised about kitchen staff not serving students. MK confirmed that no student will go without a meal in the Academy.</p>	
7. AOB	<p>NA4 assured parents/carers we are here to help and listen and encouraged feedback, future agenda items and any questions. Parents/carers asked for more meetings/engagement.</p>	<p>NTS to set up a Parent Council email to make contact easier regarding Parent Council and general feedback, future agenda items and questions</p>

Future Parent Council Dates:

Monday 6th March 2023

Monday 12th June 2023