Pendoylan CIWP

Minutes From Parent Council Meeting

Agenda

21st July 2022 9.15am

1.Present

2.Apologies

3.Welcome & Introductions

4. Head Teacher’s Report

5.Class Representative Feedback

6 Book Week/ school library development, Costume sharing for school plays

7. AOB and Date & Time of Next Meeting

Mrs Vaughan opened the meeting and welcomed everyone, outlining the agenda. Apologies were noted from: Victoria Bolton, Sue Fowler (whose daughter has now moved up to Secondary), Sally Lloyd.

Clarification of new class representatives:

Nursery- TBC

Reception- Rebecca Scrafton, Becky Allen, Jennifer Carson.

Yr 1- TBC

Yr 2-Erica Surcombe, Bex Lakin, Victoria Watson.

Yr 3-Ella Morgan, Sian Parker-Hornsey.

Yr 4-Catherine Evans, Victoria Bolton, Sally Lloyd.

Yr5-TBC

Yr6- Nicola Teague, Lucy Smith.

Mrs Vaughan discussed whether parents had been happy with the online parents evening sessions, or whether they preferred seeing the teacher face to face. There was acknowledgment that post-covid, parents had appreciated the opportunity to meet in person again, and that the work involved for teachers in having to run online meetings in a time-limited way had its challenges. She confirmed that the ‘meet the teacher ‘sessions would be returning, and there was a possibility that Parents Evening would be brought forward in the autumn term to be held in November. It was acknowledged that, disappointingly, only 18 parent feedback forms had been received following the link being sent out via Schoop inviting parents to give feedback and there was some reflection on how communication could be improved between the office and parents in the future. Despite this, Mrs Vaughan confirmed that all the feedback had been consistently positive, and this was then echoed by all the class reps who wanted to express their appreciation and gratitude towards all staff across the school, saying that the return to school post-covid had been handled amazingly by the school and staff had always remained accessible and visible, with the school community feeling more cohesive again. Yr 1 parents, who were seeing their children ‘in action’ for the first time ever (at the music evening and sports day for example) found this reassuring and rewarding, and nursery parents said that there had been the perfect balance of safety and nurture provided for their children, after a difficult Lockdown. Mr Parry was acknowledged for his committed work with the ALN team, and even when some children have had two teachers, parents felt that this had worked well, been an asset for the children and all pupils had grown in confidence across all year groups.

Mrs Vaughan spent some time explaining some of the main themes behind the new school curriculum and how this was a positive step for change in learning outcomes. She also said that the last school Estyn inspection was back in 2014 so there was a possibility this may happen this academic year.

There was a debate around how the library in school could be developed/ improved for pupils and various ideas were suggested, including: a lending scheme to imitate a public library where pupils could be given individual library cards and have theses stamped (this could be run by parent volunteers or older pupils as library monitors), a School Book Week with visiting authors coming in to read (N.B School to remind parents that they are always happy to have parent volunteers come into school to listen to children reading), a book swap or sale to raise funds for the school……

School has encouraged parents to pass on old costumes for Christmas/ summer performances and plays, since children wear these for only a few hours often and the productions are often repeated, particularly regarding The Nativity, but many expressed that people were still buying new so it was emphasized that perhaps school could put a message out encouraging parents to donate old costumes in early December.

**Next Meeting Thursday 13th October**