

# PARENT FORUM

## MINUTES : 1<sup>st</sup> April 2019

**Attendees:** Mr P Collin (PCC) Mrs D Edwards (DXE), Mr M Cook (MCC)

**Parent/Carers:** Mrs K Webster (KW), Mrs J West (JW), Mr I West (IW), Louise Smith (LS), Louisa Hazell (LH) Katy Powley (KP), Steven Powley (SP) Helen Read (HR) Rosica Grecu (RG)

ITEM	Content	Notes	Action
Welcome	<b>PCC welcomed all, and new members</b>		
Review of last meeting notes	DXE read through minutes from last meeting (04.02.2019)	Agreed	
Celebration update	<p>PCC – since we last met London Trip – packed schedule and a great experience, theatre, Wicked and London Eye. Good behaviour.</p> <p><b>CAN's Got Talent</b> – showcasing students' talent skills, well received, positive response. Buddy Page won.</p> <p><b>Parents' Evenings</b> – back to Teacher/Parents so parents can talk to all their child's teachers, very well received.</p> <p><b>Year 8 Options Evening</b> – fantastic turn out.</p> <p><b>HR</b> said it was very positive and all the questions you wanted answered were answered.</p> <p><b>LS</b> said good to talk to teachers as Year 8 haven't had their Parent Evening yet (27<sup>th</sup> June).</p> <p><b>MCC</b> explained the thinking behind the format of Options, worked closely with teachers to provide the best choices. Trying to be reasonable as well, looking at it again at the end of Year 9. Feedback was very complimentary</p> <p><b>SP</b> said it did wonders for the self-esteem of the students, very positive about their subjects.</p> <p><b>LH</b> found out in Year 9 Teachers meeting that her son is doing very well – because he doesn't say a lot. Great to talk to all the teachers.</p> <p><b>Coming up:</b> Year 8 and 9 on ERA days on Thur 4<sup>th</sup>. Celebration Day for Year 11's on 23<sup>rd</sup> April, giving a positive take off to the exams.</p> <p><b>Camping Trips</b> for Year 9 and 10 in July.</p>		



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	<p>strategies, and there is extra support in school.</p> <p><b>PCC</b> did stress that they will have to do exams in Year 11. Process is same for all but differentiated depending on need.</p> <p><b>MCC</b> – any student who isn't able to remember the core information will be at a disadvantage, whatever their learning need, they will need the skills and finding ways to support these students.</p> <p><b>PCC</b> – any parent can support a child at home</p> <p><b>KW</b> – likes the fact that she can see what her child is doing. Feels that he's often just clicking through to get through it. Do we have a homework club?</p> <p><b>PCC</b> – yes we do have a homework club, on the website and around the school. It links into the UCAN as well as other extra-curriculum activities/learning on offer.</p> <p>Borrowing rate for Year 7, 8 and 9 is 2.5 books per week per student.</p> <p>Starting scheme of national librarian for students, they will interview for these and its leads to a qualification.</p> <p><b>KP</b> – her son finds it difficult going over things again and again. Challenge him to a game to check he does know it all.</p> <p><b>PCC</b> – we'll celebrate in a number of ways, through recognition through whole school assemblies to support positivity of KO's.</p> <p><b>PCC</b> – talked about enrichment activities eg France next year, D of E - starting with ERA day this week for Year 7, 8 and 9 putting up tents outside and making stick bread over an open fire.</p> <p>Hope to do with outside companies and do it jointly with companies who want to work in the community.</p>		
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	<p><b>Uniform</b> – we haven't got samples yet. Confirm it's mainly for new Year 7's. From September for new year 7's. A new blazer. Compulsory trousers or skirt. New tie. V-neck jumper, not compulsory For all students from September tie, black shoes and trouser/skirt.</p> <p>KW asked about cameras in the bike shed. Yes, there are plans to put cameras in there. Along with lighting.</p>		
Community Engagement	Carry to next meeting		
Feedback & thoughts (standing item)	Carry over to next meeting		
Next Meeting	<b>Monday 13<sup>th</sup> May 2019 – 5.30pm City Academy Norwich - Library</b>		