

Swakeleys School for Girls.

Minutes of Parents' Forum meeting held on Monday 10th October 2016 6pm in the LRC

Those present: Nicola Mercer, Gillian Neal, Rosina Salmon, Shahid Qazi, Michelle Adkins Smith, Andrew & Sam Thompson, Sharon Clarridge, Sheetal Visana, Christine Patrick, Julie Rogers, Johanna Alexander-Cummings, Dak Patel, Baljit Bassi, Sonia Muhammad, Lisa Simpson, Cheryl Savage, Mati Virmani, Ron Hearne, Karen Franklin, Attiq Khan.

Sue Pryor (Headteacher)

Apologies: Karen Merit-McCorkindale, Mike Sumpter, Kuldeep Gill and Max and Andrea Frederick.

1. Updates

Mrs Pryor discussed the summer results with parents and said that the school was extremely pleased with both 6th form and GCSE results. In particular, the progress made by year 11 girls since they started in Year 7 and the 100% pass rate at A Level for the sixth year running. She updated parents on Open Evening which was extremely busy and in relation to the NVR Assessment. We have 500 year 6 pupils sitting the assessment which will be on a Saturday this year due to the large numbers. Mrs Pryor updated parents on the progress with the new build and said that she hoped very much that we would be moving in the autumn term next year. She then answered questions relating to the new build. Mrs Pryor told parents about E-Praise which is a website that we now use to record rewards for pupils and homework. Parents can access this via their daughter's login but we are looking into the possibility of a parent login in the future.

2. Parent View

Mrs Pryor reminded parents of Parent View which can be accessed via the Ofsted website. We were extremely pleased that 100% of our parents said that they would recommend the school in 2015/2016. At the moment we have no responses for 2016/2017 and so Mrs Pryor would be very grateful if parents could complete the survey again. It is probably too early for year 7 parents but they will receive a letter asking them to do this later in the year.

3. Newsletter

Mrs Pryor reminded parents that a hard copy of the newsletter is now only given to year 7 parents and those that request it. When the newsletter is ready, it is put on the website and parents are informed via twitter and a text message. We welcome feedback on this new arrangement.

4. Winter Bazar – 9th December 2016 4.30pm to 6.30pm

This is a new initiative to help raise funds for the school and we would really appreciate support from parents in relation to this. This could be: by sponsoring a programme through a business link, donating prizes, helping out on the afternoon or simply attending and contributing.

If you can provide any of the above or have ideas for stalls/activities that are likely to raise a lot of money please email Mrs Hare (Deputy Headteacher) at ghare@swakeleys.org.uk

5. Discussion re colour scheme for new build

Parents discussed in small groups the ideas for the colour scheme for the new build. The general consensus was that colour should be used in corridors, stair wells and doors to help pupils find their way around but classrooms should be kept neutral to allow for effective display work.

AOB : At the end of the meeting Mrs Pryor addressed points raised by parents. One suggestion was that there could be a car sharing scheme between parents to reduce traffic congestion.

Meeting concluded at 6:50pm.

Date of next meeting 9th January 2017 at 6.00pm in the LRC.