

Parent Voice Meeting- 6th April 2016

Minutes

Staff present - P Haynes, R Wedgwood and S Bouclier

- Recycling used uniform- Charity group are leading on recycling uniform. (Students who have left/changing schools/ grown out of uniform). There will be information going out to students and parents soon regarding how to access this. The group have considered sending the Carlton Community College uniforms to schools in Africa.
- Student Voice groups- Discussed the range of groups available; Charity, Random act of Kindness, Community. These groups meet on a weekly basis and minutes are taken. All the minutes go to our Student President who can oversee the impact being made.
- Why trutex? To stop conflict between different styles that aren't appropriate. Trutex allows all pupils to wear suitable, smart uniform and ensure that everyone is wearing the same uniform. Length of skirts / trousers against size of waist was highlighted as a concern. PHA advised by Business Manager that this can be raised in the Trust's regular meeting with Trutex but that it will carry more weight if parents affected email their own complaint to the academy. We will also ask parents via the website to make formal complaints via email to the school if they have strong concerns with not being able to get uniform that fits correctly.
- Random Acts of Kindness- 600 slips were filled in by pupils at lunchtime, nominating students for Random Acts of Kindness they had completed in or out of school. These got distributed to the nominees to reflect on their kindness. This was very positive and successful in school and more work is going on to develop this further.
- Youth Council - Each school in Barnsley has 3 students on the Youth Council, we have four. These pupils are raising issues our pupils have to the council.
- Work experience in school. We gave the opportunity for pupils to shadow a member of staff for a day (Head teacher, Teachers, Receptionists etc) for them to gain insight into the job role and add to their CV.
- Community Group - This group raised money, £300, through car washes and a bake off. They also collected food bags to send to a local charity, all was very successful and run by our pupils.
- Clean for the Queen- 14 pupils spent 1 ½ hour cleaning the local town, Royston. They were complimented for their dedication and confidence in this task and each received a pledge for sustainability.

- Adopt a Planter - We now have sponsored a planter on Royston Lane, we are in the process of planting this which will have a personalised plaque on it.
- 'PROUD' litter campaign. Recycling bins are in discussion to be in and around school to replace the existing recycling bins which are thought not to be particularly clear. The Community Group are keen to get all pupils looking after the school premises and classrooms.
- Food service - There should soon be an online service available for parents to put money on their child's account online and also see how much money their child is spending each day.
- PHA gave a presentation on the new accountability measures, following a request for this at the last meeting.
- The old accountability measure was 5 A*-C inc English and Maths. This will still inevitably be used by colleges & employers and is therefore of significance for pupils but it isn't how the Academy is now measured.
- New measures - English and Maths combined at C+, Attainment 8, Progress 8, EBacc.
- The government is placing increasing importance on the English Baccalaureate. The Trust is considering how best to respond to this as it not something that has a high take up generally and has not been actively promoted within the academies so far.
- The new grading system is being phased in. This raises the bar. Grades are turning to numbers, 9 being the highest which is higher than the current A*.
- School Holidays- These will be added to the school website. There are no plans for changes to the Barnsley pattern any time soon.
- Next Family Focus Day is Saturday 25th June - more information to follow.