


Parent Voice Meeting

Date:	Thursday 11th November 2021	
Venue:	Principal's Office	
Attendees:	Emma Ivery (EI) Lee Parfitt (LP) Bev (B) Andrea (A) Kelly (K) Hannah (H)	
Absentees:		
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Introduction - LPA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LPA explained the purpose of the meeting ie: vision of the group. • Meetings will take place half termly. • A Senior Leader will attend each meeting who will provide support for the area being discussed. • We would like one particular parent to be the face of the group who will help to make clear the actions that are taken. • Personal issues about individuals will not be brought to this meeting and this group is not to be confused with a PTA. • All parents agreed to be involved with the parental survey.
Current Concerns - LPA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Behaviour and detentions - (A) asked how the behaviour systems are filtered down to parents. Detentions can worry some parents. Cancelling the same day detentions was suggested. Parents need a text from school so that they know when a detention is set. LPA explained that parents should be using the MCAS system where information is held regarding detentions. (A) Stated that the term "disruptive Behaviour" is too broad and so limits the support that parents can give. LPA explained that this category is set by the Trust. As (K) is a new parent within the school, LPA gave an overview of the behaviour and positives system ie: Like cards / post cards / phone calls. (A) stated that detentions feel like a punishment for parents, rather than students as they are after school. Could detentions not happen at break, what do the students do during them and are the reasons for detentions consistent. There is a lot of negativity on social media and it would be helpful for parents to have the full information to then share with their child. LPA provided an overview of the detention system and noted that he would take parent points on board. It has been difficult with the Covid situation, to speak to parents face to face. • Vertical Tutoring - (K) said that parents did not know there was now vertical tutoring and noted that it was difficult last year due to staff leaving. LPA explained that Bronte will become a Year 11 only college. Learning walks in the college this week highlighted that this was a working structure.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Toilets - (H) mentioned that toilets are an issue, with some toilets broken and many full of graffiti. Students not being allowed to leave the classroom to go to the toilet has in the past resulted in a student wetting himself. LPa said that Mr Turner had opened up the Sixth Form toilets to students and there has been a request for more toilets, which Mr Turner is working on and discussing with student voice. We are not aware of any incidents where a student has wet themselves. ● SENCO - (B) stated that she would like to meet the Senco. Parents were unaware that Mr Holder was no longer on site, which has resulted in many unanswered emails etc. LPa explained that, we currently have a very experienced SENCO working with us, in Mr Holder’s absence. ● Interventions –(H) said that letters went out to parents 24 hours after the first intervention began. LPa said that he would get something out for the SEND team. ● Parent parking – There are issues on the main road outside school and some parents are very disrespectful and abusive. LPa explained that we are one of a very few schools that allow parents to park onsite but it is always challenging. We have tried different methods, including delaying opening the main gates to discourage parents parking in the turning circle to wait and enforcing fines to no avail. Unfortunately, we have a large catchment area. ● Homework – (A) stated that parents do not know what homework the students receive and whether they complete it. There seems to be very little homework coming through. LPa said that quite a few students will do their homework in the mornings before school. He explained that there is an online platform called Maths Watch which is a place for support, which parents can look at. We encourage parents to speak to the teachers via email if their children do not understand the homework given or if they do not seem to receive anything. ● Website – (K) said that parents feel that the academy website is not very clear and it is hard to find certain information. Elv said that this is an area we are working on and would like to bring this to parents. ● Online Parents Evenings – Very positive feedback from parents but unfortunately, they are going back to Face-to-Face parents evenings. The aim is to have everything go through MCAS at the end of the year.
Communication Methods	(A) stated that there seem to be too many communication platforms. No matter how many messages go out to parents, some will get missed. Notifications do come through the app but the app does tend to keep going down or freezing.
Next Meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Meetings will take place on Thursday’s. Dates to be confirmed. ● The agenda will be put together as we go along. Please email if there is anything you wish to add. ● Canteen will be discussed (queues, prices, app). LPa to give the parents a tour of the new canteen. Mr Turner is currently looking at the prices. We have started a breakfast club which provides a free breakfast for all students.
Parent Governor opportunities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Call to all parents as we have a vacancy for Parent Governor. Please ask around to see if there are any interested parents.

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