

BAWB Parents' Forum
Minutes of Meeting held Wednesday 11 September 2019
7pm
Bainbridge School

Chair: C Bergs (LA)

Minutes: Kelly Boulton (KB)

Present: C Harper, G Bottley (DB) A Calvert (AC), Paula Scott (PS), Helen Dalton (HD), G Anderson (GA), Miles Middleton (MM), Deb Wood (DW)
PQ = Parent Question

Apologies Received: K Hodgson, H Hodgson, B Daley, S Bowen, F & J Cartwright, C Doubtfire, George p-S, G Scarr, A Fawcett and Miriam

- Introductions

Federation

- Intro from C Harper – Apologies for attending the meeting –
- 1 Family coming from Catterick to visit WB
- Banners discussed
- Bainbridge pupil number high – resolving number with NYCC - internal numbers all positive
- Children enjoying Federation Friday and magic trips
- Great feedback from happy children – sad to see Mrs Robinson leave WB
- New teacher at Askrigg welcome
- Good friendships (**CH**)
- Reception numbers will be massive – baby boom – weddings trigger other weddings – will get another teacher once class sizes increase over at WB
- Homework club – how much children valued homework club – lunch time was run by Miss Collins – Spoken to staff it will continue again on a Thursday all KS2 at Askrigg – Miss Collins is looking at time in WB to do the same.

PQ: Timings for assembly can they be changed as were easier on a morning for people working all discussed that – I'm not moaning but – go to assembly and have to go all the way back for songbirds.

CH gave background for the reason it was changed – needed to be the same in all locations as federation Friday – at the last parent feedback session – wanted it at the end of the day – on balance decision – we will include again in the parental survey – **CH** would like to ask the question to everyone.

Askrigg Fence – update from **CH** – gave history Community objections – small working party – all seen the fence – East is green – then stock fencing South will be planted with a hedge so over time you won't see a fence you will see a hedge – combination locks – so we can lock when school is in session. Grounds to be open on a weekend for public – it was a compromise on where to put it – **MM** - public playing fields –

children were upset – but are now OK.

DW - Site workers were rude – was going to email.

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PTFA would like to start BAWB PTFA – closing old PTFA and opening up new PTFA for WB – can CH organise an initial meeting in the evening to see if anyone interested and to get it started - what times to catch people – avoid Wednesday – venue? - Aysgarth falls hotel ?– ASAP please as diary entries are coming up and things are getting booked up. People are getting booked up elsewhere – Call it a PTFA set up meeting – latest next weeks newsletter – Kate will put something on PTFA facebook page

PQ - Pencil cases – just to ask on behalf of parents – why the ban?

CH Inconsistencies around using pencil cases especially on Federation Fridays – amount of time on arguments and is it fair - they've got a pencil case and we don't - so decided to make a decision across the federation which was consistent –

EH children are not to bring in pencil cases. We need it to be the same everywhere. We provide all the stationary for them – rucksack comes with a bag – Children do not need to bring any stationary to school – the school supply everything they need.

Fountain pens – Ink? Why child can't children use ink pen anymore –

EH We use the handwriting pens which are all around schools

PQ - Trips this year – could we have some notice so to start saving – could we pay weekly or monthly on parent pay – put letters in school bags

Sports day equipment audit is on the action plan

Agricultural grant for the outdoor - £2k AC

Communication

Good marketing – easy communication – **CH** passionate wanted to explain why answer for Fb still no – fully understands need to engage digitally – FB safeguarding – safeguarding – public forum is no control – can block but too late – could have a closed group- but there are better solutions out there – implications too significant – all agreed FB is not the right platform

PTFA have facebook closed group and it does work well – no photos – only PTFA – more used for fundraising

CH - Creating a digital footprint for your child's future without full control and without their consent – is that safe?

We are exploring an Ap called Parent Hub – we are awaiting the demo and will take a look – **CH** gave difference examples of how we could use this safely and effectively – Encrypted –

Parent - Secondary school use Go4schools – example given of how it is used- reports are on there

Parents want instant and electronic please

DB - Electronic mail we had many – sometimes x three text messages – level of communication has reduced. Mindful of what parents have actually signed to receive from a GDPR perspective – general notices should go in newsletter.

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KB - Good news of our schools – promotional material is getting put out there – mindful we now need more photos with our stories – designated school staff will be taking more photos from all sites as they are based throughout federation.

AC - Key words and keeping up to date – google search engine – negative press – old school website – it is still an issue – duplicate false website – photographs. Mr Stokes new role discussed – all positive and will assist naturally with marketing.

PQ - PTFA – need to have people – need to be quick – has to be all three schools – will you do a handover – constitution needs re writing – need to be all one and so it is fair – Needs a whole new team – think it will be brilliant – it must be one group. **PQ** - Will it naturally break up into small fragments – we can rotate people

PQ - Can some people have an idea and just get on with it – all agreed they could.

PQ - Please don't forget your photos from your clubs – all do it together and make more money – summer picnic around one of the rivers

Nice walks around the falls

Domino drive

PQ - Biking UCI is going through Carperby on the Thursday or Friday on or around the 26th – Can the school attend as would be a lovely experience for the children?

PQ - Can we have sports day a little earlier next year please?

AOB

Next meeting Askrigg 3rd week of Jan

Meeting closed at approximately 8:30 pm