

BAWB Parents' Forum
 Minutes of Meeting held Tuesday 10th October 2018
 7pm
 West Burton School

Chair: Georgina Pickard-Sparne (GP-S)	
Minutes: Karen Raven	
Present: K Hodgson; C Bergs; G Pickard-Sparne;; I Grozne; A Calvert; D Wood, B Daley (part)	
Apologies Received: F Cartwright; M Cooper, G Anderson, H Hodgson	
	Responses form EHTs
<p>Federation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The question was raised whether the bus that transports the KS1 / Reception children from WB to BB could leave WB earlier than it currently does so that children arrive in BB to give the children time to interact with other children before classes start. It was felt that if a child/ren had to walk into a class later than the others, it causes upset and awkwardness for them. • There is some discontent around the Federation Fridays, mainly around travelling. One child is apparently struggling with the new arrangements and there has been a lot of upset amongst children. • The confusion over the Federation Friday buses at Castle Bolton/Redmire on the first day of the new arrangements was mentioned. It was acknowledged that there had been confusion, this had been addressed and the children involved had opted to stay on their usual transport, routine was felt was a priority while adjusting to new arrangements. As with all new arrangements, there is a period of adjustment whilst issues are ironed out. • It was also mentioned that the Y1/Y2 children are shattered, mainly due to extra travelling. The chair raised the topic of the transport 'Aysgarth Hub' that has been explored as an option to address the travel issues in an attempt to minimise travel as much as possible for all children affected by the new arrangement. Parents asked if the proposed 'Aysgarth Hub' timetable could be shared with parents for their view. • Could the arrangements for Federation Fridays in the Spring Term be communicated to parents? It is understood that these are due to take place at WB. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The bus leaving WB-the time of departure was arranged in order to accommodate all the children arriving at WB for the next leg of their journey. We envisaged that the children would enjoy a short play with their WB friends before the second part of the journey. We also felt that a comfort break may be needed. Regarding arriving late into class • On Federation Fridays our staff are working together to monitor behaviour and ensuring all of our children enjoy the benefits of learning and playing together Once at Askrigg school the children enjoy a very full and enjoyable day mixing with their peers from the other schools. • Yes the first FF saw a minor difficulty when the bus driver took it upon himself to be helpful and offered to pick up at the Redmire/Castle Bolton to travel directly to Askrigg. The transport since then has been problem free and very streamlined thanks to our school staff and the positive attitude of the local bus companies. • All of the children are very tired at this time of year (as are the staff!) but especially those who are in a new environment. Home school link books offer invaluable communication between staff and parents of the children who travel to school on buses. Concerns can be shared directly with class teachers. <p>The Aysgarth 'Hub' was discussed at length with the School Transport and Strategic services. Timings were not detailed in these discussions, however if parents were interested then we would be happy to follow this up.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We are working on the logistics for having Federation Fridays at West Burton but at present these plans are in their infancy. The biggest barrier being the lack of outside space to do our Federation PE, which is a massive part of our curriculum.

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Reading Challenge had proved popular with the children. Parents would like more information i.e. what are the targets, can they write in the book? It is thought that this challenge will be rolled out to Reception children at a later date. Could this be confirmed and communicated? • Eden Camp trip had been very successful. The children had enjoyed it and it worked well for the Federation. It was expressed that information had been communicated well, they knew times, what was needed to take/wear etc... • It was requested that for future trips the timings are repeated in the Newsletter the week before and that Consent Forms for trips be available on the school website. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yes the Reading Challenge is a very exciting strategy and we are pleased that is proving so popular with our children. We will ask the English lead Mr Billingham to address your questions via the newsletter. • Thank you to Miss Collins and Mrs Raven for their excellent organisation of this very topical visit. The visit gave the children such a real insight into life during wartimes. • Good idea to put the details in the newsletter. Not sure about the consent forms being on the website but will look into this.
<p>Communication</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The question of Parentmail was raised. KR explained that due to issues the three schools have been having with all the school systems since the beginning of term, Parentmail had not automatically updated with latest contact details etc. This is being addressed. The issue will be communicated in this week's newsletter. Hard copies of Data Collection sheets will be sent to parents this week so that we can ensure we have the most up to date information for SIMS and ParentMail. • The letters that Mrs Harrison had sent to Y1/Y2 parents with progress updates had been much appreciated. • A parent also stated that she appreciated the call she had received asking if it would help for her daughter to be dropped off in Aysgarth rather than school on Eden Camp day. • The chair stated that parents were welcome to visit any of our schools at any time to look round or sit in on lessons. • It was requested that an Open Morning/Day be arranged. • What had happened to the idea of swapping teachers at Celebration Assemblies? Will this be reinstated or will this just happen at whole BAWB assemblies. It was mentioned that staff hours has probably impacted on this not currently taking place. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Please make sure you return your contact detail sheets promptly so that we are able to update our systems. • Thank you, we felt that you as parents would appreciate a short update of how your child was managing the new arrangements. • Wherever we can we are trying to tailor our plans to individual children and attempt to cut down travel time where appropriate. • Further open days will be organised with this request in mind. • See above • This was very effective in the past. EH now has the opportunity to present certificates to children in her class at all three schools through her EHT role. We will look into Miss Collins and Mrs Loughlin attending celebration assemblies at the other schools.

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Could we communicate in the Newsletter who the House Captains are? Could we also check who the Respect Ambassadors are and how often they change? • Could we communicate date/arrangements for the Remembrance Service at Aysgarth Church in the Newsletter as soon as possible? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Certainly, these are in the process of election this week. RESPECT Code Ambassadors change termly, House Captains, School Council and Eco Warriors change each year. • The date is in the newsletter this week, timings and arrangements will follow as soon as they have been confirmed.
<p>AOB</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The issue of WB joining the A/BB PTFA was raised. WB are currently not a member and have their own 50's Club where any funds raised are for the School Fund. Kate Hodgson is the Co Chair of the PTFA and said that this was something that could be explored. The difficulty would be around finance. WB parents do attend PTFA meetings and it's something that could be built upon. There has been some PTFA activities which had included WB, such as the Smartie challenge and the sale of tea towels. • WB parents are currently exploring setting up a PTA, parents have some fund raising opportunities but are unsure at present due to situation how to proceed. It was stated that working together reduces duplication of time for parents and could potentially generate larger incomes as have a bigger platform. • The dates for future PTFA meetings would be communicated to all three schools via the Newsletter and reminder email or text. • The Year 6 Leavers Fair was discussed. This is open to Y6 children from all schools A, B and WB and traditionally takes place at Askrigg. Parents and Y6 children have a stall of some kind. More information to be communicated regarding the Fair nearer the time. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This sounds like a sensible way forward. We look forward to hearing the progress made with this. • Fully agree, together is better for all. • This makes good sense. • Yes this is a lovely event that enables Year 6 pupils to 'give something back' plus it is usually an enjoyable event for all.
<p>Date of Next Meeting</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Next meeting will be Tuesday 27 November, 7pm at Askrigg School. 	
<p style="text-align: right;">Meeting closed 8:00pm</p>	