

Parents' Forum Meeting
The Hereford Academy Community Learning Centre (CLC)
17th May 2011 at 7pm

Minutes of the Meeting

Present:

Parents:

Mrs E Phillips, Mrs C James, Mr S Fitzpatrick, Ms D Powell, Mrs M Bufton, Ms D Powell and Mrs Sandra Leonard

Staff:

Mrs Sally Kowal (SK)-Vice-Principal and Safeguarding Manager, Mrs Chris Atkinson (CA)– Head of Learning Support (SENCO).

Apologies:

Mr & Mrs Apperley, Mrs H Small, Mrs S Broad, Mr L Attwood, Mrs C Ankers, Mrs S Broad, Mrs K Fitch, Ms D Williams, Mr N Lloyd, Mrs A Pinches, Mrs J Fleuchar, Mr N McBride, Mr S Davey and Ms C Harding, Mrs C White, Mrs H Davies, Mrs K Semple.

- 1. Welcome and Introductions**
- 2. Minutes of the previous meeting**

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and agreed.

- 3. Move to the new build**

The Video Flyby (also available to view on the school website) was shown and areas identified to parents. After half term parents will be informed of the return to school in September for students.

Visits to the site are restricted for parents and students due to Health and Safety restrictions.

Parents will be able to have an escorted visit around in September, and the Community Learning Centre (CLC) will be open to the public from September onwards. There will be excellent security at the site and night time facilities will be open to the Community and the Sports Hall is especially large. Priority bookings will be given to those living in the HR2 postcode, and community consultations will take place regarding this.

Proposed Community Day –10th September 2011

On 10th September 2011 there will be a Community Day for all staff, students, parents and carers to have a good look around the new school. The Library will be open to the public on that day also.

Book of Memories – A book of memories is being compiled by members of the Student Council regarding the school as was – Haywood High School/ Wyebridge Sports College. An appeal is to go out to the local community for information/photographs etc. from those ex staff and students who may like to share their memories of the school before it is demolished.

4. Attendance

95% is the target. The school is currently at 93%.

5. Uniform

Parents have noticed that girls' skirts are quite short. 2 years previously girls wore only trousers. Parents felt that school needs to specify what length is deemed appropriate for students' skirts.

The top button of the school shirt/blouse which it is noticed to be left undone should be fastened.

Ties need to be tied correctly.

The correct footwear should also be worn.

The uniform is really smart and if there were sanctions put in place then these would hopefully act as a deterrent for students' to abide by them.

6. Homework

Homework is still an issue. Some staff have not been setting homework.

Parents concerned that homework has not been set. Homework set will be on the system in the future.

Some parents have said that they have never had to sign a planner. This will have to be looked in to.

7. ICE Quality Mark

The school has just achieved this award - Investing in Community Engagement (ICE) a quality mark for Community Cohesion. The assessor was very impressed with the portfolios of the Community Team, Mrs Sally Kowal Vice-Principal and Safeguarding Manager, Mrs Liz Kelso, Community Learning Centre (CLC) Manager, Mrs Jane Morse, Director of Post 16 and Apprenticeships, Mrs Mandy Davies, Director of Specialism (PE and Health), and Miss Vicky Kench, Extended Schools Co-ordinator (ESCO).

8. Ofsted

The school is being inspected by Ofsted this week on Wednesday 18th and Thursday 19th May 2011. The results will be circulated after the inspection board's report is received by the school to parents/carers and the community when known.

9. Any other business

We would like more parents to attend the meetings and will re-advertise the Parents' Forum again.

Check the canteen for chips.

Attendance - Phone Calls were made when students were in school. However, staff need to do a register electronically and must register accurately.

Date of the Next Meeting:

Wednesday 14th September 2011 at 7pm in the Community Learning Centre (CLC).

Any items for agenda please email to: aharding@theherefordacademy.org.uk

There being no further business to discuss the meeting finished at 8.45pm.