

Parents' Forum: Tue 12 Nov 19

Location: CEIL

Attendees: DH, PML, MC, CH, parents

Serial	Item	Action
1	Welcome and introduction by DH covering: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rationale for the new group. • Aims for the new group. • Aims for this evening's meeting. • Q and A opportunity at the end. • Task being set to set to get discussion going. 	Three tables given tasks to complete: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Highlight areas they would like to discuss moving forward. 2. Suggest ongoing working arrangements including name suggestions. 3. Raise any other points of interest.
2	Parents given chance to complete the 1, 2, 3 activity on tables and feedback was facilitated by MC.	The following main topics were identified that parents would like to investigate and discuss further (not all in one go!). <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Behaviour. - Uniform/Equipment. - Curriculum. - Teaching & Learning. - Staffing. - Culture of the Academy. - SEND & MA. - Communication. - Infrastructure and resources. - Extra-curricular activities.
3	Feedback on working practices	Agreed to meet half termly. Agreed to use group email to share notes and agenda. Agreed to use summaries from meetings and small group meetings i.e. ' <i>items discussed</i> ' and ' <i>action points</i> ' recorded. Agreed to be called FAB. F riends and A ssociates of B udmouth.
6	Q&A for DH at the end of meeting	The following questions were asked and answered:

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| | | <ul style="list-style-type: none">a. How many unqualified staff does Budmouth have? DH confirmed only one teacher without QTS.b. Make public the ratio of qualified/ non-qualified teaching staff? Agreed by DH and to share all staffing numbers including support staff.c. Future of Sports Centre and selling-off of playing fields? DH said AAT have no plans to sell sports fields. DH said that everyone wants the centre to remain open and that full survey results have not been received although firm indication has been given that the centre is safe and can be used. Future works will be necessary.d. Children's' Sports clubs didn't run over the summer holiday? DH explained it was a staffing issue and that the centre manager has not been able to recruit more staff and he is still trying. There is one full time vacancy and one-part time vacancy still being advertised.
e. Establish a quiet space for students to complete homework, or go to the RC break/lunch. Students unable to get on RC machines with some playing games. PL to raise with RC manager and hwk to take priority (ring fence a few computers in RC for homework).f. Drugs – extent of problem in the Academy question posed? DH said that like all schools Budmouth would have some students involved in using drugs and that we are vigilant to any potential instances of students bringing in illegal substances. Searches can and are carried out. DH felt this is a growing national and local issue explained we are very aware and every effort is made to educate students and work with parents. |
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		<p>g. Do students get support from external agencies, i.e. PCSO etc? (PML explained about the 'Zone' and that he would check the website to ensure that parents are aware)</p> <p>h. Blazers/jumpers in classrooms – students 'afraid' to remove them. DH explained that students are free to take them off if necessary. Staff have been briefed that this is OK. PML to send another reminder to all staff.</p> <p>i. Learning booklets: some are poorly designed and not particularly helpful. Was this a decision by AAT? DH explained that this new to us and constantly under review. It was decided last February that we would introduce them, some other schools call them knowledge organisers, and was nothing to do with AAT. PML said feedback from parents is welcome. One parent said the maths ones are very good. PML thanked for this and will share.</p>
7	Meeting close	Parents who wish to continue with F.A.B were asked to sign-up and leave contact email address.

Date of next meeting: Tuesday 10th December. 5.30-7.30pm