

Notes from FAB Meeting: Wednesday 13th November 2024

Staff attended: M Hoffmann (Principal), Sara Mashike (Associate Principal) and C Reed, Director of Business & Support Services (CR)

Parents attended: 5

Item	Comments	Actions arising?
Welcome from the Principal	<p>Parents were welcomed with refreshments.</p> <p>MH introduced Sara Mashike, Budmouth's new associate Principal in charge of improving Teaching and Learning, which also covers the 3 key areas of improvement in our recent Ofsted report.</p> <p>No actions arising from the last minutes.</p>	
SM	<p>SM talked through her Quality of Education presentation (which can be found alongside these minutes on the website).</p> <p>Following the recent Ofsted report it became clear that we needed more robust procedures in place and the content of these slides has been launched with staff within the school from Sept 24. This will also be the focus for staff on inset days. Staff are on board and receptive to these changes.</p> <p>The presentation included slides that have already been shared with staff on our first inset day this year regarding what is expected of them in lessons. We are encouraging staff to share best practice between each other at Budmouth but also with other schools in the Trust. We have also introduced a "Effective Revision" programme for Year 11 that will also now roll down into Year 10.</p>	<p>Action - CR - Upload SM presentation slides to the website alongside FAB minutes.</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Everything is now online, it's too automated and parents don't want their children looking at screens for hours when they get home from school. Parents like the feel of sitting around a table together. It seems that all homework is digital now and parents feel disattached with their kids' learning. ● Parents said that drag and drop virtual homework is not great for recall and they don't see the benefits of this type of homework. ● Parents also said that now that parents evenings are all held virtually, there are no opportunities for them to come into the school to see what their children are learning. ● Can the school encourage more written work and extended writing pieces, parents are just not seeing this type of work. MH confirmed that we already do that in the school but again, parents don't see it. The school can also support students with bad handwriting - parents just need to email in and ask for the extra support. Parents say they don't necessarily see how bad their children's handwriting gets as they don't do a lot of handwriting at home. ● Parents also asked if Seneca and similar Apps the school uses for homework are the right programmes for the kids as they only offer multiple choice q&a's and there is no depth to the homework. MH/SM replied that Seneca is more of a revision tool but Quizlit is a good App for homework. ● Parents all agreed that there shouldn't be automatic punishments for not completing homework, teachers should be looking into why first. not all students have access to phones/tablets/internet etc. 	<p>Action - MH/SM - To take a look at Google Classroom and see if it can be used better in terms of information sharing for homework.</p> <p>Action - MH/SM to look at organising a "Student Work Showcase" evening, where parents can come in and look at their child's books/school work.</p>
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<p>Update on other whole school issues</p>	<p>Rebuild Programme – MH confirmed to parents that the HUB building will be staying but all other buildings are going. The current proposal is a superstructure over the side that Clare Hall currently resides.</p> <p>School Trips - We have had some recent parental complaints in regards to school trips and the fairness of spaces being allocated. The current process is an email home to parents to let them know a certain trip is coming up and advising them that spaces will be released on a certain day/time (I.e 8am Monday). The spaces are then allocated on a first come first serve basis. We have had some parental complaints that they miss out on spaces so Mh asked parents if they had any ideas of a fairer way this could be done. Parents were unsure but will think it through.</p> <p>One parent had an idea of a School Trip Schedule/Calendar, similar to our extra curricular calendar where staff advertise trips as soon as they register an interest in holding one, this way parents can see what is coming up for the year ahead and decide which trips are more important to their child. This could be sent to parents every term for the term ahead and would also help parents financially. One parent queried if it would be fairer to increase spaces if on past experience, the trip has been oversubscribed, MH to explore this with staff.</p> <p>A parent asked if it would be a good idea to ask theatre companies to come into the school for GCSE trips etc where attendance is mandatory but spaces are limited. MH confirmed with parents that we already do this where possible.</p>	<p>Action - MH - Explore with SLT the possibility of a termly trip schedule to share with parents and ask staff to increase the numbers of spaces if the trip is known to be popular.</p>
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<p>AOB</p>	<p>Jewellery Update - MH listed what jewellery is currently permitted - this can be found on our Uniform Policy - https://www.budmouth-aspirations.org/parents-information/uniform/</p> <p>MH informed parents that we are considering making stricter changes to this policy so that students would just be permitted to wear a wrist watch and small stud earrings only (no rings, necklaces or bracelets).</p> <p>All parents were unanimous that the school should make these changes and keep jewellery worn to school simple.</p> <p>Parents also asked for a crack down on fake nails being worn to school as this was also not in the policy.</p> <p>Parents raised concerns about children crossing the road down by Aldi/Bennetts Water Gardens. There is a crossing at the top of the road but the road is long and fast and there have been several near misses witnessed by parents.</p> <p>MH informed parents that we have been informed that there will soon be some roadworks, new markings and a crossing outside the school - we will email parents when we have the date for this work.</p> <p>Parents have also asked for the school to send out guidance to parents regarding speed limits and behaviour in the car park as they have reported dangerous behaviour from other parents.</p>	<p>Action - MH/SM/PLP - Consider updates on the Uniform Policy as advised. Write to all parents/students for their opinions.</p> <p>Action - MH to ask Mr Abbott to liaise with Dorset Council.</p> <p>Action - MH to send a letter out to all parents with a date when this work will start.</p> <p>Action - MH to ask Mr Abbott/Site Team to get updated car park guidance and reminders out to all parents.</p>
<p>Agenda Setting</p>	<p>Parents asked if we could trial FAB on Tuesdays - (see below).</p> <p>Next meeting agenda will include a presentation from our new Director of Sixth Form.</p> <p>Next meeting – Trial for Tuesday 11th March 2024 at 5.30pm</p>	<p>Action - Next FAB will be trialled on a Tuesday.</p> <p>Action – Parents to email CR with any suggested agenda items.</p>