Notes from FAB Meeting: Tuesday 16th June 2026 - 17:30

Staff attended: Jules Troughton (JT), Head of Business & Operations and Mr C Buller (CB), Associate Principal (minute taker).

Parents attended: 5

Item	Comments	Actions arising?
Welcome from the Associate Principal	Parents were welcomed by CB. House keeping shared with refreshments. CB led Introductions from around the room Agenda items shared by CB: ● Review of previous minutes and actions ○ Introduction to academy curriculum overviews, playbook launch and implementation ○ Brief introduction of the parental engagement strategy - parents given a copy to take home for consultation in preparation for today's FAB working party ○ IMPACT compared to this time last year: ■ T&L Meeting standard +12% ■ Attendance +2.4% ■ Reduction in Subject Removals +14% ● Welcome from Jules Troughton - Head of Business and Operations ● Parental Engagement Strategy - working party ● AOB	
Welcome from Jules Troughton - Head of Business and Operations	JT shared slides about her interest, career progression and new role at Budmouth.	
Parental Engagement Strategy - Working Party	JT introduced the session focus - Discussion on the Parental Engagement Strategy Parents reviewed Section 3 of the Parental Engagement Strategy, copies of which had been distributed at the previous meeting.	

	Parents took part in a Think-Pair-Share activity, working in small groups to evaluate the effectiveness of the strategy and identify practical actions to improve communication, accessibility, and parental participation across the school community. Groups considered the following questions: ● What is currently working well? ● Which elements of the strategy are already embedded in practice? ● What gaps or barriers exist? ● Which parents or carers may be underrepresented or difficult to reach? Following discussion, participants recorded their ideas on Post-it notes under the headings: Strengths: ● Regular half term emails/letters regarding school matters from the Principal. ● Award ceremonies and celebrating evenings ● Very good communication from Inclusion (BASE) ● Student leadership ● Awards and incentives Challenges: ● Budmouth is seen as strict - historic anxiety from some parents ● Implementation of discipline - perception of the community ● Lack of involvement of parents being able to practically visit school on multiple occasions. Not just parents evening - but open door events to showcase. ● Not enough info on school changes - parents catching up. Communicate changes in advance of students.	

	Opportunities: ● Important dates at end of term letter - parent calendar ● Reminders for FAB meetings and information ● Consider rebranding FAB to include more parents (PTA?) - use community in the wording - Meet the Parents/Parent Voice Forum ● Pictures of staff on website/Arbor protected ● Online attendance for FAB meetings for those that cannot attend in person ● Open door events ● Principals congratulations events ● Google classrooms for clubs ● Termly parent voice presentations and Q&A The discussion concluded with parents considering what could be done differently in the immediate future to strengthen partnerships between the school and families. A range of suggestions was put forward, and parents agreed that parental input remains essential in shaping future engagement activities.	
AOB	Reports contents: Parents found it hard to understand the content even with the crib sheet. Attendance emails weekly - can we consider removing the colour flow chart?	
Meeting Closed	18:37	