



The De Montfort School

UNLOCKING YOUR CHILD'S POTENTIAL

Parent Voice Team (PVT) Meeting **Tuesday 28 March 2017 at 6pm**

Present:

Mr G Nichols, Headteacher
Mrs F Lovecy, Deputy Head Teaching & Learning
Mrs J Sampson, Business Manager
Mrs C Kent, Vice Chair of Governor
Mrs N Chambers, Librarian

1. School Houses

GN explained that this has been difficult to re-launch fully in one go for both Middle and High Schools. SW and GN now oversee 2 houses each and have met with the House Captains and we now have 4 House Coordinators in place. The House Coordinators are meeting the House Captains at Middle School regularly and the High School will follow later. House assemblies start next week.

ACTION: GN/SW to meet with the High School student to advise them of the slow start at the High School

The plan is for each house to have their own day to do activities and support around school and Friday to be for all houses to do work together. The High School students could help the Middle School students get their house activities going. They could also attend the Middle School meetings so that they feel fully involved.

2. Safeguarding

FL explained why safeguarding has got such a high profile. WCC failed their Ofsted and Ofsted are being much harder on schools. Some guidance has also changed.

The school nurse is now not allowed to see children through referrals. In Middle School we had previously been able to ask parents if their children needed to see the nurse we could arrange this through the school however this systems has now been withdrawn from Middle School.

We would like to work with a small group of parents to look what we provide from a parental point of view and we need to know what they think of our provision. We want this group of parents to look at the work around supporting students on twitter, the school website and policies. It was agreed that 3 members of PVT will work with FL on Safeguarding to look at the policy and go through some more detailed systems and procedures.

Parents asked how these changes might affect the school. Out of 9 Worcestershire schools who have had a recent Ofsted inspection 5 of them have failed with a high proportion being connected to safeguarding issues. We have 2 teams of staff working across the school so we have a good systems in place. FL is also meeting with other schools to discuss safeguarding and the plan is to support each other.

One of the actions we are aware of is that we need to change the text message that is sent to parents for absent students to a telephone call so that we get a reply and reason for the student absence.

3. Progress Report

Parents approved of the new look Progress Reports.

4. Parental Engagement

We still have an issue with getting parents to come along to events. Should we be doing things differently? What is stopping the parents coming in?

For the E Safety Evening we sent out text messages, letters and we invited other schools to attend but this was very poorly attended with only 5 parents supporting the event. We also had 5 of our staff stay behind for the event.

We need to telephone the parents who do not attend events. We need to check which parents did not attend the Y11 Parents' Evening and ring them to ask them to come to the Y11 Exam Information evening. We have a target of 60% attendance for this evening.

ACTION: JS to arrange for admin team to ring parents and confirm their attendance at the Y11 Exam Information Evening

When Y6 students start we need to have a meet your tutor meeting as soon as possible in the autumn term. We need to ensure include Parents' sign up to say they will attend all events. We need to track parental attendance at all events. We need to build support from First Schools through to our school.

Y10 Parents' Evening is in May and we need to start adding a sentence on all letters which asks parents if they will be attending and if the answer is no, they need to give a reason for this.

ACTION: GN to amend Parents' Evening letters

5. New Website survey

We will email the survey out after this meeting. Parents said they would like more photographs needed on the website but we may have reduced the number as a large amount of photographs slows down how quickly websites load onto tablets and mobile phones.

ACTION: JS to ask SWi to put more photographs onto the website

ACTION: NC to speak to SWi about putting old school photographs onto the website

ACTION: JS to send out website survey

6. A.O.B.

Could we put more information about sporting events, school trips (skiing), D of E and robotics in the reception areas?

Photographs are not being published in the Evesham Journal. JS sent a photograph and article from the Robotics competition to The Evesham Journal and The Evesham Observer but this did not get published. Articles are really hard to get into the local newspaper.

ACTION: JS & GN to meet with Evesham Journal

7. Date of Next Meeting

❖ Tuesday 23 May 2017 at 6pm. All parents are welcome to attend.

Future Meeting dates

Tuesday 11 July 2017

Mr Nichols thanked all the parents for their tremendous support for our school and thanked everyone for coming along tonight. Please invite other parents to join the group as we want as many parents as possible on our PVT so we maximise our improvements.

Meeting closed at 7.30pm