

PARENTS IN PARTNERSHIP

Date: Tuesday 3rd October 2017

Time: 6.00pm

Venue: Library

MEETING MINUTES

Present from SGHS: L Greenwood (LG), A Wade (AW - end of meeting)

Parents present:

C. Aspin; C. Hawley; A. Leach; C. Vereker; D Whitfield; E. Wolstenholme;

1. Apologies: Mrs Carr, Mrs Sandoe, Mrs Swales,

2. Minutes of last meeting and matters arising: N/A

Agenda:

1. Reports and attendance information:

Almost all parents commented that they would appreciate more opportunity to speak personally with subject teachers if possible, rather than just receiving written reports.

Parents would prefer a 'proper' Parents Evening in Y7/8 rather than the Meet the Tutor Evening that we currently offer, and more face to face contact rather than brief reports. There might be missed opportunities to 'push' students as teachers may err on the side of caution and be positive rather than discussing issues that students/teachers might have.

In comparison, EGS parents meet the tutors termly plus a more detailed report is sent to parents about their progress in all subjects.

There are some concerns over students' accountability to parents because parents rarely meet subject teachers in Y7/8 and parents might respond better.

Is there a Y9 Parents Evening or again, a meet the Tutor Evening? – Y9 have a Parents Evening in February and an Options Evening in March this academic year.

Parents like to be able to email staff direct, this is very helpful.

LG explained the rationale for the SGHS model (available space, staff workload etc).

Attendance rewards are much appreciated. Some parents have engaged with Firefly to look at their daughters' attendance.

Some parents have looked at Firefly and have asked if maybe more information might be available through this, such as subject and curriculum information? LG confirmed there is lots of information currently on there and more will be added ongoing.

One parent suggested could Biometric scanning/cards be used for monitoring attendance – but LG advised this could be cost prohibitive.

2. Parents Evening Booking System:

Parents commented that the electronic booking system works fine for Meet the Tutor Evening but they feel a little pressured to get the time slots before they run out for Parents Evening.

It would be helpful if parents could have their daughters with them to identify rooms/locations as timings between appointments is difficult if parents do not know where they are going.

If parents all arrive at the same time to a room it would help if there was a list of names and times available so they know the order of appointments and timings. LG agreed to take this back to the Senior Leadership staff.

3. Student targets and their impact:

LG outlined the context of the discussion on targets and the work that school has been doing on this. One parent commented that goals are necessary and personalisation of targets are important.

Other parents commented that targets are not necessary for KS3/younger students as they can put themselves under unnecessary pressure.

Links with face to face meetings may be more effective.

AOB:

- It was suggested that representation from Y7 parents at the Parents in Partnership meetings would be useful.

Date of next meeting – Tuesday 21st November 6pm in the Library.