

PARENTS IN PARTNERSHIP

Date: Tuesday 23rd November 2017

Time: 6.00pm

Venue: Library

MEETING MINUTES

Present from SGHS: L Greenwood (LG)

Parents present:

C. Aspin; A. Leach; E. Wolstenholme; S Done; E Sandoe; F Carr

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

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

Agenda:

1. Social and Emotional Well-being:

LG delivered a presentation on the whole school focus on Social and Emotional Well-being (SEWing). A discussion then took place and key points made were:

- An information evening could be arranged to present this school focus to parents. Parents suggested that students participating in the evening may encourage more parents to attend. LG suggested this may be a possibility, but historically these type of events have not been very well attended.
- The Senior Leadership Team (SLT) could hold a 'drop in' or 'surgery' at Parents Evenings', to encourage more engagement. Refreshments could be made available in an area where key staff would be available.
- A number of parents don't know the difference between Student Progress and Student Services. An introduction to these faculties/teams for parents would be welcomed. Clarity was questioned.
- A contact name and email for SEWing would be useful on the In-touch contact list for parents.
- There could be more emphasis on pastoral care at open events etc.
- Some parents feel it is a bit inhibiting that students are 'collected' from lessons to attend counselling sessions etc. and for some students around the 'SEWing' topic. LG commented that this occurs much less now for this reason.
- Relationships between students and tutors is important to parents, but most parents feel that their daughters do have someone to talk to, even if it is a subject teacher or Student Progress.
- Parents feel that more information would be helpful about Y11 trial exams and what is expected. There is quite a bit of anxiety amongst the students around the preparation of these exams. Last year an exam information booklet was released and this would be welcomed by parents again, with more clarity and information. This is something to consider regarding the SEWing agenda.
- Mrs Aspin advised that Mr Aspin is a Consultant Psychiatrist for Craven and is happy to come into school and lead a training session for staff if required.

Actions from the meeting:

- LG will communicate the contents of the discussion and suggestions to the Senior Leadership Team, who will consider any areas for improvement.
- Ensure communication issues with the group (including new members) are resolved in advance of the next meeting.