

PARENTS IN PARTNERSHIP

Date: Wednesday 29th June 2016

Time: 6.00pm

Venue: LRC

MEETING MINUTES

Present from SGHS: G. Fisher (GF), F. McMillan (FM)

Parents present: D. Whitfield, S. Nelson, A. Leach, L. Wolstenholme, E. Sandoe, I. Swales, C. Aspin

1. Apologies: C. Hawley, F. Carr, N. Smith

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

Agenda:

1. Enrichment Week:

Mrs McMillan outlined the draft programme for the week in July 2017.

a. Y10 students will have priority

b. School have responded to last year's feedback given about publicising the options earlier to allow parents to be able to plan financially.

USA trip: Three parents from PiP have daughters going on this trip. Parental feedback was very positive and appreciated that the communication was sent out much earlier to allow for financial planning. It was felt that the school should still run 'big trips' as well as others.

Barcelona trip: A discussion took place over flying versus coach/ferry transportation. Most parents feel that the coach journeys and possible ferry hold ups are tiring and stressful. The consensus is to fly.

Amsterdam trip: Positively received.

Berlin trip: Flying is preferred again. This is a cultural trip and was positively received.

PGL: This is considered good value and daughters who had been previously had enjoyed it.

London Theatre trip: Students would enjoy going to the Harry Potter World too.

Science and Maths in London trip: This is a welcome new trip with a Maths/Science focus. Mr Barker is an enthusiastic group leader and it is likely to recruit well.

The rest are day trips/activities in school. Malham Tarn would be good for 13/14 students to travel to by minibus.

Questions raised about Enrichment Week:

- How does the school provide for students with hardship?
The school provides a sum of money (last year this was £80) to top-up the funding for Pupil Premium (£50). Other students in hardship will be catered for on an individual basis. However it was felt that there was a range of option choices at all budget levels.
- Could parent helpers be a possibility?
This may be a possibility and parents will be contacted nearer the time if this is the case.

2. MAT update:

There are currently 4 schools in the Northern Star Academy Trust MAT (Multi Academy Trust) – 2 primary and 2 secondary schools. There are potentially another 2-3 schools joining the trust during the course of this year with discussions underway but no formal arrangements as yet. Further updates will follow.

3. UCAS:

- PSHE is now introduced to each year group.
- SGHS have our own Careers Advisor in school.
- Work has been done for Y11 provision and opportunities.
- There is a Higher Education Week in May/June each year for Y12 students.
- Students can visit the UCAS Convention each year.
- More communication could be available to Y10 students and this will be communicated in the PSHE programme.
- Information about the Careers Fair on Thursday 19th October will be sent to parents as soon as possible.

AOB:

- One parent is concerned over the food that is served and the seating in the Dining Hall. Parents are asked to contact Mrs Wade (Deputy Head) or students can use foot-foot in confidence.
- There is a behaviour issue in a class. This will be followed up with the Head of Science.

Meeting closed at 7.05pm