

PARENTS IN PARTNERSHIP

Date: Wednesday 24th November 2016 **Time:** 6.00pm **Venue:** LRC

MEETING MINUTES

Present from SGHS: A.Wade (AW), J. Hoyle (JH) **Parents present:** V. Bateman, F. Carr, S. Done, C. Hawley, A. Leach, L.Wolstenholme, E. Sandoe, C. Aspin, C. Vereker,

1. **Apologies:** S. Nelson, D. Whitfield
2. **Minutes of last meeting and matters arising:** Enrichment week is almost finalised and information is being put together for parents

Agenda:

1. Firefly:

Mr Hoyle demonstrated the functions of the new vle, Firefly, for students and parents. It is an electronic interface for teaching and learning, and communication of school information, and it replaces Frog. Three parents already had an awareness of Firefly through their daughters' use. The parent portal section is to be launched in the Spring term and feedback on the functionality was sought at the meeting. Editing rights can be given to different groups of users so they can have their own section, eg the History Society has just been launched by students.

Feedback from parents included the following:

- The way the sections were organised was comprehensive
- Seeing a breakdown of attendance by session and lesson would be useful for some parents whereas others would not use that function. Aside from Firefly, school will continue to monitor attendance and any concerns are already discussed with parents.
- Seeing house points would be welcome but there were more mixed feelings about seeing behaviour consequence points – helpful for some, unnecessary for others. Currently the school has no plans to share behaviour consequence points with parents. As has always been the case, school make contact home if there are concerns of behaviour.
- Having access to curriculum materials is helpful
- Having a report repository would be welcome
- The student planner was still needed in addition to Firefly

2. Admissions consultation:

There were no comments, questions or concerns raised by parents on this matter. The consultation process is clearly laid out on the website. There is an Open Afternoon on 7 December for face to face dialogue with Senior Leaders and Governors

AOB:

- The Friends group would like help with the bag pack at Tesco on the afternoon of Sunday 27 November. Email friends@sghs.org.uk if you or your daughter can help.
- One parent gave very positive feedback about the Post 16 Open evening and commented on the talks from the Head Girl team
- Two parents gave positive feedback that communication between school and home to support the learning of their daughters was improving and was very helpful – especially from subject teachers

Meeting closed at 7.00pm