

# PARENTS IN PARTNERSHIP

**Date:** Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2018

**Time:** 6.00pm

**Venue:** Library

## MEETING MINUTES

**Present from SGHS:** L Greenwood (LG); F McMillan (FM)

**Parents present:** C. Aspin; F Carr; S Conroy; S Done; C Hands; L Gowans; C Hawley; S Irlam; A Leach; C Rix; K Roden; H Shanmugam; S Mounsey; D Whitfield; L Wolstenholme

1. **Welcome:** Mrs Greenwood (LG) welcomed new members, particularly new Y7 parents/carers to the group and explained the format of meetings and the purpose of the group (seeking parent views and feedback on matters of school improvement).
2. **Apologies:** C Vereker; J Dixon.
3. **Minutes of last meeting and matters arising:** Minutes were checked and verified as a true record of the last meeting. Mrs McMillan (FM) followed up the item on extracurricular provision with some more information on this year's Enrichment week programme. There were no questions.
4. **Tutor Time:** LG introduced FM and focus on Tutor Time.  
FM explained Tutor Time provision and the focus on this in recent staff training, including the staff conference in September. It was noted that we wanted to try to build the House identities and that all Tutor Time sessions should be based around the '5 ways to wellbeing'. FM gave examples e.g. 'Be active': 'chair aerobics' and 'minute mile'. FM asked if parents had noticed their children talking more about Tutor Time. A parent commented that her Y13 daughter had been talking more about Tutor Time than ever before, this term. Another parent said her Y12 daughter had, in the past, been frustrated by Tutor Time and wished she had the time to revise. FM commented that Tutor Time is an important part of the day and having one point of contact in school (the tutor) is essential, building relationships is key and this supports it. Another parent commented that her daughter sometimes feels that things covered in Tutor Time are often slightly depressing. FM explained some ways we can counter this. A Y7 parent said her daughter loves the vertical tutor system and has been well supported so far.  
**Action** – Parents/carers to talk to children about their views of Tutor Time before the next meeting.
5. **E-Safety:** LG asked two questions:
  - a) Do parents have any current concerns?
  - b) How can SGHS support their understanding of E-Safety?One parent suggested that they do not understand/know issues until informed, as they think they are well informed until they attend an information session. Time is an issue for parents – one parent said this is why information evenings are not well attended. Another asked could 6th Form students make an information video for Firefly – to share? Could we present something at a Parents' Evening? Bite-sized information could be posted outside classrooms or on a video in a central location like the Library/Main Hall. One parent mentioned that communication has been a problem in the past with regards to knowing about events (emails not received). No specific concerns mentioned but parents wanted to be supported as this is a growing area of concern.  
**Action** – LG to take ideas to SLT.
6. **Parent Life app:** Data is a potential concern for parents. A parent asked if there is end-to-end secure encryption. They had reservations re logging in via FB, Google etc. Another parent commented they would not like to use FB or Google to transfer personal data. Then a parent asked 'do we need this if we can update details on Firefly?' All parents were happy to be in a pilot group and many would welcome this as a time-saving device.  
**Action** – LG to ask Mrs Haymes (Data Manager) questions posed and inform that the parents are happy to be a pilot group.

**AOB:** LG explained about 'Friends of SGHS' and promoted the group.

**Action** – parents to look out for emails re next meeting or volunteer if interested in helping at events.

Meeting closed at 7.07pm