

PARENTS IN PARTNERSHIP

Date: Wednesday, 5th February 2020

Time: 6.00pm

Venue: Library

MEETING MINUTES

Present from SGHS: Mrs L Greenwood, Mrs F McMillan

Students present: L Wanty

Parents present: C Aspin, F Carr, S Done, C Hawley, S Irlam, B Khumaar, J Mitchell, S Outhwaite, K Roden, J Thersby, G Williams, E Wolstenholme

Apologies: C Hands, A Leach, J McBeath, D Whitfield, C Vereker

1. **Welcome:** Thank you everyone for attending and welcome to Gemma whose daughter is in Y7.
2. **Apologies:** See above. **Items for AOB:** Friends upcoming events and Parent Governor nominations
3. **Minutes of last meeting and matters arising:**
 - Interested in parents' suggestions.
 - A Level trips question – what if your subject does not run a trip? JSH looking into possibilities but we don't want to make every subject do a trip.
 - Tutors chat around personal development with students.
 - LYG spoke to LEC re. school performance with possibilities for Y7. Logistically difficult due to space needed, but we are still thinking!
 - Catering points passed on to MKT – factored parent's views into looking at our catering (going to tender after half-term).
 - FAM responded re. Y11 quiet spaces to revise. Revision can be done at lunchtime & break, no specific space as students can go in most classrooms/the library. We can, however, find a space for an individual student if it is required (just not multiple students, as we don't have the separate space available during school time). Students do get study leave before their exams to work quietly at home (some parents were unaware of this).
4. **Student Travel Ambassadors scheme:**

L Wanty gave a presentation about this; the PowerPoint she used will be displayed on the SGHS website. A couple of SGHS students have volunteered to be part of the NYCC Student Travel Ambassadors scheme and are working on creative ideas to get more students walking to school.
5. **Firefly (VLE):**

LYG asked parents/carers to answer some questions about the school's VLE (Firefly). Parents/carers discussed these in year groups and wrote responses (the questions are on the PiP area of the website). Feedback was summarised as follows: several parents look at the Daily Bulletin every day. LYG explained the resources for subjects, GCSE revision resources, curriculum intent statements, where to find what subjects teach, lesson-by-lesson, differentiated resources, etc. She also described the KS3 assessment area – explicit, what is secure/deep learning? Firefly homework – parents commented that if homework is set via Firefly it needs to be every teacher and marked off when completed. It has to work for everybody, including teachers. Parents like the ClassCharts system used at other schools (e.g. EGS), as this helps them to monitor behaviour points/house points 'live'. Parent: house points – do students know they are getting them and are they worth anything? FAM responded that we have recently re-launched our behaviour system and all staff have been asked to tell students when they have any positive or negative points. We will now award pins to students when they collect a set number of house points. LYG collected written responses.

Action: LYG to share responses with J Hoyle (AHT) to feed into planning for use of Firefly and review of this.

6. **AOB** – Friends of SGHS reminder: latest list of Friends' events circulated. The Quiz & Curry night is this Friday, any help or support appreciated. Parent Governor elections for school – see email to parents/carers sent this week. We are seeking to elect a parent governor to our local governing board. If any parents/carers feel that they have a suitable skillset or know another parent/carer who does, please be encouraged to nominate. Nominations are due by this Friday, please.

Meeting closed at 7.10pm