



21st May 2024 Minutes

Welcome and introductions: Martin West (Assistant Principal)
Present: Mary O'melia (Parent Y3) Ashley Payne (Parent Y5 and Vice Chair CPTA) Lauren Walton (Parent Y5 Treasurer CPTA) Hannah Edy (Y3 and Y5 Events coordinator CPTA)

MW explained the purpose for the community forum meetings - this is outlined on the agenda for reference and can be found on the academy website.
No actions from previous meeting.

Sensory Garden

1. Proposal - to develop a quiet sensory garden for children to use during playtimes

- £3000 CPTA contribution
- CPTA are looking into grants
- B&Q ask for donations/sponsoring
- All in support

2. Volunteers to support/ideas of how to move this forwards:

- Good gym would be a nice idea and Mary explained how to list it as a task
- Volunteers should be sought for planting, digging etc. A morning working party could be arranged for this
- CPTA to create a list of community volunteers with expertise
- Welcome packs to Y3 parents could have community expertise advertised in that (CPTA will be talking to parents at the welcome evening)

Reading at Home

1. Moving to an online Reading Record
2. How can we engage more parents? What are the barriers? How can we overcome them?

- Teachers to prioritise the reading records
- Some previous experience of the online record not positive - ensure the app chosen does not have glitches
- 'Sparx reader' seems really good (parent point of view)
- Ticks and house points noticed but stopped about a term and half ago, gets the odd tick now - reward is key (which some reading record apps have)
- Some concerns about more screen time (the books are not online, just the recording of reading).
- Ensure the app itself is not a barrier

Employability

1. Careers Day

- Local lady working with schools - local businesses - Mary will ask her
 - CPTA to ask parents
 - School to seek NHS, police, fire, RNLI, Dale website, Footballer in parents list
2. Ideal timings?
- Parent suggested comparing the timings of Poetry morning with Musical afternoon attendance.
 - Close to pick up time.

AOB

- MW parent survey results summarised - positive picture
- A parent asked about whether more free clubs could be offered? Fun sports without the pay barrier e.g. staff at other schools that run a club get a day per year ½ term club.
- Squad trials to come in Summer 2.
- Parent asked if CASA coaches could be used elsewhere and MW explained the cycle of CPD and sport premium sustainability use of funds.
- Swimming came up. Parents suggested they could volunteer to support and it was mentioned that parents would be happy to volunteer for reading. Please let the office know if you would like to do this for reading as this is in place.