

Minutes for Academy Parents Forum Meeting
Wednesday 1st March 2017

PRESENT:

School Staff: Phil Snelling (PSN), Stuart Smith (SSM), Ann Bourne (ABO)

Parents/ Carers: Clare Travers, Rachel Russell, Mandie Miller, Darren Edwardes, Sarah Tadros, Melissa Smith, Vanessa Boorman, Trevor Sherwood, Annette Sherwood, Sue Burgess.

1.	<p>Welcome</p> <p>Apologies: David Towsey, Bev Jones, Ellie Dove</p>	PSN
2.	<p>Development Item: Perception and promotion of the Academy within the local community</p> <p>Group discussion around the perception of the Academy within the local community and what we can do to promote the Academy.</p> <p>Positives: improvement with homework; communication with parents ie website, email and text; recent changes with the new principal in place; summer school for the new Year 7s; afterschool activities; approachable staff; pastoral care; problems are being dealt with.</p> <p>Negatives: road safety behaviour out of school in Ore; smoking outside of school; behaviour of some students in class; the image of "old Hillcrest"; the school day, lunch being late; teacher turnover; iPad scheme; phones as a distraction.</p> <p>Ideas: open day for the community; PTA; open evenings, parents meeting prospective parents; parent PRIDE in school; work placements in local shops; BBQ; open evening for meet the parent.</p> <p>Action: These were some of the results and will be re-visited at the next meeting.</p>	PSN

<p>3.</p>	<p>Minutes of the last meeting</p> <p>Rewards – BRO spoke with the school council about the reward system and they reported that students like the vouchers we have on the system but they would like a bit more of a say on what they can buy with Vivos. The Year 11s have a Passport to the Prom scheme whereby they tick off activities and once completed they can cash it in for a discounted ticket to the Prom.</p> <p>ARD Update – It was explained that we will be continuing with ARD as there is one already in the calendar. There will be a difference in the next one as we will be having more things on offer for parents to see, including lectures, watching students in drama and dance, and meet the principle. We will be trailing this day and will feedback next meeting as to the success of this. We will be asking for feedback from parents on the day and can report on this at the next Parents Forum.</p> <p>Action: Report back on ARD to Parents Forum</p> <p>Lunch – we are considering changing the school timetable and whether we can change the lunch time as well as changing the length of lessons to be all the same.</p> <p>Exam boards – we have now in the process of updating the website to incorporate this information under Curriculum. Please refer to this page: http://www.thehastingsacademy.org.uk/curriculum/curriculum → KS4 Curriculum</p>	<p>SSM</p>
<p>4.</p>	<p>AOB</p> <p>At the next meeting we have invited a speaker from My Future Starts Here who will come and discuss how they work with the academy and students.</p> <p>The next meeting is 26th April 2017</p>	