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STFCH Parent/Carer Council Meeting – 27.9.19

Notes taken to share with all parents/carers

Many thanks to Mr Alan Ball and Mrs Sharon Hadley, who were able to attend and to the many other parents who indicated an interest, but were not able to attend this time. The conversation and discussions that took place followed an outline agenda and notes were taken with a view to share with all parents/Carers.

It was also proposed that the 'council' consider alternative dates and times to meet. As such at the end of these notes is a returns slips to outline potential days of the week and time slots that might be used for future meetings. The 'council' would like to survey parent/carers views as to preferred days and times.

Meeting notes:

Introductions – along with the above mentioned parents, the group was joined by Sarah Leaman, Parent liaison for the school; Dorothy Jones, Chair of Governors and Shaun Jukes, Headteacher.

Outline Agenda-

- Affirm purpose of the group and its terms of reference and protocols– ***this was agreed with some minor changes and is enclosed along with these notes for all parents/carers to note what the group is aiming to achieve and its terms of reference.***
- Chair/vice Chair – ***The two parents attending agreed to act in these roles initially as such Sharon Hadley was proposed as Chair and Alan Ball proposed as Vice-Chair.***
- Schedule of meetings – ***agreed to one meeting every half term to allow a flow of information to and from Governor Meetings and Student Council Meetings. To take place on dates/times that a majority agrees; following parent preferred dates/times returns. The next meeting is likely to be on a day during the last week in November, with a further schedule agreed at the next meeting.***
- Suggested future agenda items discussed to be further prioritised at the next meeting –
 - a) ***Parental/family engagement and communication focussing on an audit of what already happens, what parent/carers might prefer, what other opportunities or options are available.***
 - b) ***In depth tour of school to see the range, breadth and coverage of student needs, the curriculum and its delivery in its widest sense and to see the school 'in action'.***



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- c) **School Improvement Planning – sharing the process and what informs development planning and how this group might share, advise, offer feedback and influence to support that process.**
- d) **Consider the impact of local and national agendas and political decisions. The attendees suggested and talked about things like the new OFSTED framework /Funding/ key government priorities (e.g. mental health/wellbeing/preparation for adulthood)/the impact of the increase in complex, vulnerable young people who have a number of agencies working with them/ Lancashire County Council SEND action plans as examples.**
- e) **Speakers to talk to or have Q&A sessions with the group.**
- f) **Relevant policy updates that may need a parental /carer perspective.**
- g) **Reporting on assessment/accreditation results – looking at what is required statutorily, what already happens, surveying parents/carers for what they may find useful or want.**

Other things mentioned - included the future of the school; where does it fit in with Lancashire's strategic direction for SEND? Publicising this group as a means of giving a parental/carers view for example on website and facebook page; a 360 degree feedback opportunity that offers another means of parental engagement and communication. Having a future meeting that joins up with the student council.

An action point agreed – the council will have an information point at the forthcoming school Christmas Fair on 4th December.

Should parents/carers have other ideas then please complete the returns slip about preferred dates and times and come and join the next publicised meeting date to be arranged.

The above notes and information are sent out on behalf of the STFCH Parent/Carer council – October 2019