

Parent Voice Minutes

Date: 12th November

Staff attending:

Sue Davison (SDA)

Gareth Davies (GDA)

Item	Discussion	Action
1. Welcome and introductions	SDA welcomed parents, both new to the group and current members. Steve salter (Cucina) and Gareth Davies (Headteacher) were also welcomed.	
2. Terms of reference	SDA outlined the purpose of the group.	
3. Cucina	<p>Steve Salter (regional manager of Cucina) explained the aims of Cucina - healthy food, fresh ingredients. He explained that the menu runs for three weeks and there are theme days (approximately twice per month).</p> <p>Single-use plastic was discussed by the group and how it was gradually being reduced. Food waste was also discussed and how to reduce it / ensure that unused food was not wasted.</p> <p>SDA explained that the school has a gardening club who may want to liaise with Cucina (planting seeds for example); also the student ambassadors have an interest in environmental issues in school.</p>	<p>SDA to speak to BKO (teaching assistant in charge of the gardening club);</p> <p>SDA to speak to DST (senior assistant head overseeing student ambassadors) regarding the environmental aspects)</p>

4. New uniform	The new uniform will provisionally be worn by all students by Sept 2021.	
5. Parent bulletin	<p>The group felt that it was an interesting document but had not been received since 14th October.</p> <p>It is difficult to find archived bulletins.</p> <p>It was felt that the MyEd is not the easiest to use and view documents.</p> <p>It was suggested that more reminders (parents evenings, other events) could be put on the app and website.</p> <p>National online safety information will be added to the parent bulletin.</p> <p>Generally parents felt that clear communication was given on the days that the school had to close.</p>	<p>GDA to speak to the IT department.</p> <p>GDA to discuss with SLT and IT.</p>
6. Reporting progress to parents	<p>Points raised were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Year 7 parents would like more information about their children's progress earlier in the year (Jan/Feb?) - Year 11 parents would like progress information earlier in Year 11 (Autumn?) - Reporting percentage scores for exams was something parents would like - Parents find AOB (above, on or below target) difficult to interpret. 	Senior Leadership Team.
7. 'Fresh trim' slaps	Several parents reported	Heads of Year to be

	that this was commonplace (students who come to school with a new haircut get slapped on the back of the head, sometimes hard)	informed and explain to students in assemblies that this is unacceptable behaviour which will be sanctioned.
AOB	<p>The lockdown practice whilst welcomed by parents did cause upset for one Year 7 class.</p> <p>Year 11 parents would like the public exam timetable to be shared sooner.</p> <p>Parents would like the school calendar to be shared in the Parent Bulletin</p> <p>'Friends of Ruislip High School' - JBR has sent an email regarding involvement with the 'Friends'. SDA explained that we would like volunteers to help out at events.</p> <p>Some parents have bought expensive sportswear (including specialist shoes) which have not been used much. For example rugby boots which has not happened.</p> <p>Parents thought there was going to be a girls' football team but this has not happened.</p> <p>GDA explained that 'Above and Beyond' was being relaunched in January 2020. The school is aware that fewer activities are being offered at the moment.</p>	<p>SLT to speak to the Head of the Department of that subject where this occurred.</p> <p>SLT to organise this to be sent</p> <p>SLT to get this set up</p> <p>SDA to let PE department know</p>

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 25th February 2020 at 6pm.

Key:

SLT - Senior Leadership team

GDA - Gareth Davies - Headteacher

SDA - Sue Davison -Assistant Headteacher

DST - Dan Stent - Senior Assistant Headteacher

JBR - Jo Brown - Senior Teacher

BKO - Bhavna Kotak - Teaching Assistant

IT - information technology (team)