

Parent Voice minutes - 7th February 2023

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Item	Discussion	Action
Last meeting actions	<p>Planners: Has been raised in Student Parliament. Mr Askin will consult students, but is likely to be phased out. Any lost planners will no longer need to be replaced/charged for at this point.</p> <p>ClassCharts messages: Mr Askin has looked into this and has made tutorial videos available to parents, plus ClassCharts has an extensive range of 'How to' guides</p>	
Parents Evenings (from GDA)	<p>GDA: Asked for feedback about online vs in person parents evenings. Y11 was in person and it felt very positive - GDA is considering returning to all in person parents evenings. Y8 Parents Evening will go ahead online and then there will be a review.</p> <p>There will then be a stakeholder consultation, to decide how to move forward.</p> <p>Feedback: Can see both sides and it is easier at home, however it is nicer to be in person.</p> <p>Organisation is not as good in person, with appointments over running.</p> <p>Y11 parent feedback: Worked well in person - it did feel rushed in some parts, but overall the experience was positive.</p>	
Online Safety Week	<p>COH shared information</p> <p>Would parents like an online safety event?</p> <p>Parent feedback: The school sends out a lot of information, but parents might not use it unless they have a specific problem.</p> <p>Could the online safety evening be paired up with another event, which parents might be interested in attending (such as Open Doors)?</p> <p>Issue of Andrew Tate - how is this being addressed?</p>	<p>GDA to speak to JBR to raise points surrounding Andrew Tate and Current Affairs, which might be relevant to discuss</p>

	<p>World Events - eg Turkey and Syria. Can the school take responsibility to give students the correct information, before they read fake news on social media?</p> <p><i>GDA: Staff have been briefed about Andrew Tate and this has been raised with students - but GDA to speak to JBR about how this has been specifically raised in tutorials.</i></p> <p><i>SLT have just discussed Turkey/Syria and acknowledge that something will be done to support members of our community who may have been affected.</i></p>	
PPE Results	<p>PPE results gap between sitting the exam and getting the result at parents evening. Do not agree with the gap or the set-up of receiving the results so publicly.</p> <p>Do not like the parents being present when the results are opened.</p> <p><i>GDA: Teachers are going over feedback from the exam in lessons, at a whole class level, ahead of students' receiving their papers back. Happy to consider the approach - perhaps returning to a tutor time model. Current model is based on what happened during Covid-19 and the individual conversations that could be had with students to discuss their results.</i></p>	
Above & Beyond	<p>Club cancellations are an issue.</p> <p>Great synergy between some of the clubs and the curriculum (e.g Robotics Club and STEM)</p> <p><i>COH/GDA: Cancellations are an issue and staff are being reminded of the importance of ensuring clubs are covered or cancelled.</i></p> <p><i>Summer programme will be launched shortly, to ensure students are allocated places before the new term.</i></p> <p><i>Parents will be asked to evaluate the A&B programme in the summer term.</i></p>	
Access to lockers	<p>Can students go and collect their coats throughout breaks and lunches?</p>	

	<p><i>GDA: We have spoken to staff after this issue was raised previously and raised by student parliament.</i></p> <p><i>Students are allowed to go and get their coats in the first five minutes of break and lunch (and return them to lockers in the final five minutes).</i></p> <p><i>We are tackling the issue of students wandering in corridors - but students are allowed to go and get their coats in cold temperatures.</i></p> <p><i>Students are allowed to wear their coats into school and take them off once they arrive - but they are not allowed into the main building beyond the Atrium in a coat.</i></p>	
<p>School Day Timetable</p>	<p>Is there a plan to go back to a single timetable? Students used to have a dedicated time before school to go and see teachers, but this is no longer there.</p> <p><i>GDA: From September 2023, the timetable will change and move the tutorial to the morning for all year groups.</i></p> <p><i>This will mean losing the 2:45pm finish on Friday.</i></p> <p><i>The 8:15am time where teachers used to be available for students before school will need to be looked at - but may not fit into directed time for teachers.</i></p> <p><i>We are looking to get out the exact timings of the school day out to parents/students/staff very soon.</i></p> <p><i>We are reviewing the after-school study clubs and how they work/do they need to change?</i></p> <p><i>Keen to not return to students 'hanging out' in the Atrium in the morning - instead give the morning a purpose: looking at Breakfast Clubs and morning A&B Clubs.</i></p>	
<p>Reward Trip</p>	<p>Can the students be told what the film will be ahead of the trip?</p> <p>Once students knew what the film was - Matilda was a great choice!</p> <p><i>GDA: Apologies that communication about the film</i></p>	

	<p><i>(Matilda) was not clear and consistent across all students. Mr Askin arranged this large and challenging trip - but went on paternity leave ahead of the trip.</i></p> <p><i>The trip is popular and a wonderful community event and we are keen to keep running out.</i></p>	
School lunches	<p>Why are there only white bread sandwiches?</p> <p><i>GDA: There are wholemeal sandwiches available each day.</i></p> <p><i>We have recently had to replace our chef and we know we have not got the food quite right.</i></p> <p><i>GDA is working with Cucina to improve their offer to students.</i></p> <p><i>GDA is meeting with Cucina's CEO after half-term to discuss the ongoing issues of quality.</i></p>	
AOB	<p>Driving on the road outside school - this has been dangerous and staff have had to speak to some drivers about their conduct. GDA wants students to be more aware of the road and mindful of their own safety.</p> <p>School Streets - Hillingdon council run. Could we petition for this?</p> <p>Year 7 Maths - Maths assessment in the Autumn Term. <i>GDA has asked parent to email the office about this issue, so he can follow it up with the Head of Maths.</i></p> <p>Year 7 Toilets - Year 7 toilets are not well looked after - wet floor, no soap, etc. The Year 7s are avoiding the toilets.</p> <p><i>The toilet floors are wet because they have been cleaned, not because they are dirty. GDA looking into hooks on the outside of cubicles for students to hang bags and coats. Student Parliament has raised it and the Premises Team is looking to resolve these issues.</i></p> <p><i>The toilets are safe - there is CCTV. GDA has communicated to the students to report any issues and then staff can track any issues via CCTV.</i></p> <p>Community Litter Picking Event - COH asked for parents to volunteer for the event on Friday 3rd</p>	

	<p>March 1:45pm-2:45pm. Information to be sent to parents tomorrow.</p> <p>Potential strike action - 2nd March, 15th & 16th March, 2023. There was significant disruption on the last strike day - we are asking staff what their intentions are for this.</p> <p>Thank you to the parents for their support with the strikes.</p> <p><i>Parents would like advanced notice of information relating to what will happen on the strike days - and what is expected of students at home.</i></p>	
Next meeting	13th June 2023	