

Parent Council Meeting Minutes Jan 15th, 2015

Three parents attended

British Values

What does the school do to promote democracy, rule of law, individual liberty and respect for others' faiths and beliefs?

- Celebrating democracy would be more useful than flag-waving.
- **Could the school run a mock election prior to election week?** Houses could campaign on issues. Winning party could get some reward they have campaigned for. Could be as simple as which film could we all watch at the end of election week.
- Might encourage non-voting parents to vote.
- Children could produce policies in Eng, leaflets in art / computing. Lots of maths could be involved.
- Could like pupils' policies to real policies in the media. May help to raise pupils' awareness of immigration issues, etc.

- The school has RE lessons.

- Police, TfL visit the school to highlight the rule of law.

- Put SMSC / BV issues on noticeboards around the school.

- We promote BV in assemblies.

- The school rules and sanctions in the playground re-inforce the rule of law.

- We must be free to express ourselves without intimidation or bullying.

- Could we have a pupil charter outlining rights and responsibilities?

Assessment

- Parents understand the well below, below etc system on reports.
- There is no harm in testing pupils regularly. They need to get used to it.
- Parents were unanimous in wishing to know the results of formal tests. Transparency is key. Hall Mead publishes pupil results online using a system called Goforschools. It's easier than SIMS.
- Could spelling tests be given out earlier so that pupils can learn them over the weekend? E.g. send out on Mon and test on Mon.
- Could we have a space in the front of their reading diaries where teachers can write just a sentence about anything the pupil could work on from the current week's work in class? We don't want to hear in March that some crucial problem earlier in the year has been causing a problem.
- The website could be used more to promote current topics, dates of tests, etc.

AOB

ONE

Could we publish the dates AND topics for discussion for the next meeting well in advance?

TWO

What happened to the lining up scheme in KS1 at the start of the day? It doesn't seem to be happening. Could we have signs to indicate where to line up?

THREE

Could the school have a Facebook account to share info with parents?

FOUR

The leaflet that went home about e-safety a couple of weeks ago was useful.

Proposed topics for future councils

ONE

Social media, schools and pupils

How could the school use social media more effectively, and how could pupils use it more safely and responsibly?

TWO

Homework

How is the school's homework policy working out?