

Culloden Primary A Paradigm Academy
Academy Council Meeting
Wednesday 21st March 2018

Chair: Alesa Rahman (AR)

Vice Chair: Amanda Fox (AF)

Council Members Present: Nahar Begum (NB), Emmanuel Asare (EA), Husna Begum (HB)

Minutes: Amanda Fox (AF)

Apologies for absence: N/A

Parent/carers: 11

Also in attendance was Jeff Martin - Link Director (JM), Ben Carter - Principal (BC), Monwara Khatun - Home School Support (MKH), Fulsan Ismail - Learning Mentor and SEND Teaching Assistant (FI), Muhammad Kamaly - Office Manager (MKA)

Meeting commenced: 9:15am

Item	Discussion	Action
1.	<p>Introduction and Apologies:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● AR chaired the meeting. ● AR welcomed everyone to the meeting and everyone introduced themselves. 	
2.	<p>Feedback from the last Academy Council meeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Both AR and AF thanked HB for chairing the last meeting at short notice. ● The minutes were briefly discussed from the last meeting on 15/12/17. They were as follows: ● Having a defibrillator on the school premises is being reviewed by the Directors. ● Breakfast club starting timings will stay the same due to staffing hours and cost. ● Winter fair was a great success being planned in one week by parents and staff. A big thank you from BC and all AC members. 	JC/BC

<p>3.</p>	<p>LBTH parking restrictions update:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● HB organised a petition 1 year ago for road safety measures on Dee Street and Blair Street around school premises with a great turn out. ● We have now had a final response with a view to start soon: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ New speed signs and 'school' signs going up in the local area and next to the school. Zig zag lines being moved from Blair Street to Dee Street. Double yellow lines around the school. Dates to be checked. ● All the hard work has been a great success. Well Done to all who worked on making this happen! ● Parents discussed parents driving in and parking on the pavements around the school and how unsafe this is. BC stated that there is a member of staff outside of the gates on a regular basis to keep an eye on the safety of the children. One parent asked if it were possible to have parent volunteers to police the road safety issues. BC noted that we do not want to end up with a vigilante situation and that we are hopeful that the measures being out in place will deter this from happening. 	<p>HB</p>
<p>4.</p>	<p>Easter Fair - 28th March 2018:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Being held in the school hall <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Food, henna, activities ○ Raffle tickets, Easter bonnet parade, competition prizes - hamper etc. ● A request was made for parental support to organise the fair. ● A discussion will be held at Wednesday's coffee morning in the staff room at 9.10am. 	<p>FI FI/MKH</p>
<p>5.</p>	<p>Jigsaw 'Changing me' PSHE scheme of work:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● It was noted that at the same time of the AC meeting there was a year 1 meeting regarding Jigsaw held by Muneera. Muneera agreed to meet with any parents who attended the AC meeting to discuss any concerns they had. ● BC stated that all year groups meetings will be held as normal. ● No concerns were raised at the meeting. 	
<p>6.</p>	<p>School photographs?:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Parents discussed siblings photograph timings: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ MKA stated that there will be a change to the times to try and fit all siblings in and so the younger pupils are more presentable then at the end of the day. ○ They will take place before the start of the school day and parents are requested to put their children's names down to get a spot between 8.15am and 8.45am, forms will be sent out with pupils. 	<p>MKA</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ MKA noted that priority will be given to families who have requested a sibling photo. ○ MKA explained that if there is time left at the end of the day then parents who missed out will be fit in if possible. MKA will discuss this with the photography company. ● Parents discussed sibling photos throughout the school day. BC explained this is not possible as there is not enough time to fit these in as the school schedule takes up the whole day. ● Parents discussed the pricing and the suitability of the photograph packages. MKA looks for the quality and pricing every year when choosing the photographers but will speak to the company being used to see if there are more suitable options available to parents. 	<p>MKA</p> <p>MKA</p>
<p>7.</p>	<p>Agree date and time for next meeting and suggested agenda items:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● AC members, BC and JF agreed to wait to agree the next meeting once we have confirmation on the start of the parking restrictions and traffic calming measures being put into place. 	
<p>8.</p>	<p>Open Forum:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Parent 1: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ A parent who has to come across the A13 to come to school expressed concerns regarding the safety of the crossing. A request was made to the AC members and the school if it would be possible to set up a similar arrangement for a petition to add 'school' signage around this area. BC explained that LBTH are not in charge of this road, Transport For London are so they would need to be contacted regarding the issues. NB stated that there are cameras along this stretch of road to help any concerns the parent may want to raise with TFL regarding the issues of safety. BC noted that in the first instance TFL have to be made aware that there is an issue. TFL can be contacted via https://tfl.gov.uk/help-and-contact/contact-us-about-streets-and-other-road-issues. ● Parent 2: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ A parent requested if the meetings could be made to start later than 9.10am to accommodate parents who have children in other school and travel from a distance. AR explained that times are not set and meetings start times are arranged to accommodate all parents where possible. ○ The parent asked about communication regarding after school events and the school buses. It was 	<p>BC</p>

	<p>stated that the transport service aren't always aware of the events after school and parents then have to bring children back or miss out as they are brought home. BC stated that his will discuss this with Sue and come to a solution.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Parent 3:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ A parent noted that there used to be a suggestion box outside in the school playground. The parent requested if it would be possible to reinstate this for the anonymity of the parents when giving suggestions. MKA noted that there is a suggestion box in the reception area. BC stated that this is possible and will look into this further.● Parent 4:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ The parent wanted some clarity on what is acceptable for a snack during club sessions. BC noted that any healthy snack is fine and for the children.○ The parent wanted to know what time the children are able to have their snacks during after school clubs as children sometimes miss out on have their snacks. BC explained that timings differ due to the content of the club itself and times arranged by the staff member who runs each club. BC stated that he will check in with staff to make sure they all have some time for pupils to have a snack.● Parent 5:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ The parent enquired if it was possible to have more varied after school clubs for sports. BC explained that if parents are willing to pay towards the clubs then it is possible but as clubs are run some parents fail to pay and the school ends up having to cover this cost. A parent suggested taking pre-payments for clubs. AF explained though as this is a good suggestion it is not always possible where parents are concerned for different reasons. BC stated that we already have sport clubs run through LBTH Sports Partnership, Culloden currently buy in to the platinum package for coaches but LBTH may be ending this programme from next year unless they have the required sign ups. AR requested for parents to give suggestions for clubs they would like to be run and discuss the possibility of parents paying in advance at the next coffee morning to see how other parents feel about this option. BC noted that bringing in external coaches will cost more and to make parents aware of this.● Parent 6:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ A parent informed this AC that the London College of Fashion are moving to Crisp Street Market in the near future. It was noted that they will be running	<p>BC/MKA</p> <p>BC</p> <p>NB/HB</p> <p>MKH/FI</p>
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	<p>workshops and that the LCF will be sponsored by Poplar Harca and the Mayor of London for its redevelopment. The parent requested if Culloden could tap into the workshops being run by LCF. BC Suggested that the parent speak to MKH and FI regarding this at the next coffee morning. BC noted that Culloden always tries hard to push for local funding for workshops.</p>	
9.	AOB: Meeting finished at 10.30am	