

Culloden Primary A Paradigm Academy
Academy Council Meeting
11/10/2023

Chair: Sucheta Ashish (SA)

Vice Chair: Mohammed Rahman (MR)

Council Members Present: Mohammed Rahman [MR] and Monzo Ara Khatun [MAK]

Parent/carers: parents/carers in attendance in person and virtually.

Meeting commenced: 9:10am

Item	Discussion	Action
1.	<p>Introduction and apologies:</p> <p>SA gave her apologies and was unable to attend so MR chaired the meeting. Khalid Miah and Yuting Wang stepped down as Councillors during the summer holiday.</p> <p>Jeff Martin (JM, Link Director), Tahreena Ward (TW, Headteacher) and Muhammad Kamaly (MK, Office Manager) were also present.</p>	
2.	<p>Autumn Term Update:</p> <p>TW gave the autumn term update as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There are new staff within the school, including some internal movements. • There is lower than expected numbers of nursery children 59/90. Although this is expected to increase in Jan, as it usually does every year. TW encouraged parents to get their 3-year-olds in as soon as possible. • There is a new SEND intervention room. • New sensory room with a ball pit. Pupils get one session per day which lasts 30 minutes. • There is a new conference room. • All students now have access to chrome books, so they can do ICT in class. • There is a focus on personal development this term. • There is a big push on school uniform and PE kits to ensure everyone dresses equally so there is a sense of belonging. • The school is slowly becoming paperless in terms of communication. Parents were encouraged to sign up to the "my child at school" app. All information will be within this app and also the school newsletter which is released every 2 weeks. • Sports day will be at mile end stadium this academic year for Y1-Y6, most likely in May or June. There will also be parent activities as part of sports day. Nursery and reception will have their sports day within the school. • It is open classroom next week in which parents can visit their child's class in the morning. • Parental engagement weeks will happen every half term. • Parents were reminded Monday 30th October will be a whole school inset day. • The school's intimate care rules were explained to parents, specifically that it is only for children who have a care plan or 	<p>TW to send a message about what the school does to inform parents how children are doing, for example, the use of dojo points, and explain changes that have been made in terms of removal of other mediums of capturing pupil progress and why, for example, Tapestry.</p>

	<p>the foundation stage classes. Parents are expected to toilet train their children and not staff.</p> <p>A parent queried as to why Tapestry is no longer used for reception within the school. TW explained that this was a Trust wide decision.</p>	
3.	<p>Academy Council Election:</p> <p>MK explained that the terms of the current Academy Councillors is coming to an end and thanked all current Academy Councillors. He explained that notification will be given to parents to apply to become an Academy Councillor and that if more than five parents apply than it will go up for election and parents will vote for their favourite councillors.</p>	
4.	<p>Open Forum:</p> <p>TW mentioned that the role of a permanent Principal has now gone out for advert and that the person will be appointed by the half term.</p> <p>JM explained the difference between the roles of governors within a local authority-maintained school and the Paradigm Trust, specifically the Board of Directors with the executives (CEO and Principals and other paid Directors) would be more like the governors in that they scrutinise performance of the schools but also are responsible to ensure when decisions are made they benefit the trust as a whole and not just a single school. There are Parent Directors on the Board. The Academy Councillors are there to voice the opinions and concerns of the parents of the school they are councillors for.</p>	
5.	<p>Agree time and date for next meeting:</p> <p>9:10am 13th December 2023</p>	
	<p>The meeting finished at 10.10 am</p>	