

Academy Council Meeting

[03/12/24]

Chair: Hassan Aden

Vice Chair: Anton Chambers

Council Members Present: Sultana Siddiki (SS), Mohammed Rahman [MR], Monzo Ara Khatun [MAK], Hassan Aden [HA]

Other attendees; Tahreena Ward (TW) Caroline Wagstaff (CW)

Minutes: Tahreena Ward

Apologies for absence:, Anton Chambers [AC],

Parent/carers: N/A

Meeting commenced: 09:10am

Item	Discussion	Action
1.	Introduction and Apologies:	
2.	Feedback from the last Academy Council meeting: N/A	
3.	Autumn term update: Online HW launched on Friday 29th November for Y2-Y6. Pupils will still complete HW in a HW book but they will have their tasks set online. This is a long term vision for the school to eventually have all pupils complete homework online and not in books. that part of the sustainability plan, preparing pupils for secondary school. Sultana asked how parents will be supported to manage parental controls on devices. Parents will be invited to e-safety workshops in the Spring term. Muhammad asked the plan for parents who do not have a device at home. Pupils in Y6 are given a chrome book. The school will carry out an audit to find out how many pupils would require a device.	E-Safety workshop for parents
4.	Fundraising updates: Over £200 was raised at the Festival of Lights disco. Each year group is raising money through various activities (crazy hair day, cake sales, movie day)so that all Hinterland experiences can go ahead. Pupil numbers were discussed and the plan to increase numbers in the nursery. This will be done through advertising, ensuring parents know that they can apply for a place as soon as their child turns 3.	

<p>5.</p>	<p>DSB Update: Newly appointed deaf support manager will start her post from January. Parents, local authority and staff have been informed. The DS Manager will be attending the DSB coffee morning on the 9th Dec. Hassan commended Tahreena on her efforts to recruit and that the deaf support provision would be at it's required teaching capacity.</p>	
<p>6.</p>	<p>Parent Survey: Responses have been low compared to 2022. Tahreena asked why do the AC members think there has been a low response rate.</p> <p>Muhammad: could be due to parents not receiving a letter and some parents are not tech savvy. Tahreena explained the survey was completed online in 2022. Parents have been sent reminders on MCAS, teachers have posters and parents are reminded during drop off and collection times. There are prizes too.</p>	<p>Tel pupils to remind parents. Teachers remind parents at home time. Parents invited to coffee morning to fill in survey if they need help accessing it.</p>
<p>7.</p>	<p>Open Forum: Tahreena mentioned that parents were texting the admin team via MCAS about their extended leave and not filling in the form or following school procedures. Holidays are cheaper during term time and parents would rather pay the fine. Extended leave would not be granted unless it was an extenuating circumstance.</p> <p>Muhammad: -parents have asked if both parents can access MCAS. -kitchen staff are not asking pupils what they want to eat at lunch time -interaction between pupils and MDMS is not always positive</p>	<p>-feedback to MDMS manager -feedback to kitchen staff</p>
<p>8.</p>	<p>AOB</p>	
	<p>The meeting finished at 10.00 am</p>	