

Parent Council Meeting Minutes

Date: 12th July 2024

Time: 9.00am

1. Headteacher Update

- [Tender:/RE:SET](#)
 - RESET is their Healthy Relationships whole school approach, and they are supporting us to deliver relationship education sessions throughout the school. They will also be supporting families with more information on how to support their children to have healthy relationships with themselves and each other. Please share your views about what you'd like to know more about by completing this short survey
 - [Parent Survey \[code 04532\]](#)
 - [Resources Booklet for Families](#)
- *Priorities for 24/25*
 - Shacklewell has a newly revised curriculum handbook to be used across the federation – this means everything is in place for teachers at the start of the next academic year.
 - Carrying on from the Identity project, it was identified that there is a huge value in whole school projects. From next term, every Friday afternoon there will be cross year activities built into the timetable working on new project “Here to be Heard”
 - It was acknowledged and appreciated by the parents, that the staff worked incredibly hard to make the Identity project happen. The feedback was very positive, except from Year 3 and Year 4 parents who had last minute time changes and some children's art work was not available to see on the day. Overall families thoroughly enjoyed being invited into school to see what the children have been working on.
- *Staffing 24/25*
 - The Parent Council is aware of a number of members of staff leaving Shacklewell this year. Families value their relationships with the teachers and wondered if the office could be quicker at informing families as to the plans for next year. Rory noted that he would not be able to inform families about leavers, until a secure plan is in place. He confirmed that Ms. Williams and Mr. Middleburg will both be returning to take up the deputy headteacher roles and assistant headteacher roles
 - It was discussed that teachers leaving is down to a few factors, including relocation, promotions, lifestyle changes. The PC raised the concern that the pressure put on the teachers to maintain the incredibly high standards required of them could put teachers off working at Shacklewell. Rory rightly pointed out that the standards indeed are high and he would like to keep them that way.
- **The Parent Council wishes to pass on their thanks to the staff and teachers for all they do for the children.**

2. Shacklewell Families

The Governing board of the Federation wanted to send a special well done to Gilly, Elina and Su for all their amazing fundraising efforts again this year. It was noted again that they need more help organising events as this might hinder the number of fund raising activities next year if they don't get more people onboard.

3. Year 6 Updates

Some year 6 families were concerned that their children weren't having enough fun extra curricular activities after their SATS. The school listened to their concerns and added in 3 additional visits/experiences before the end of the year.

4. MCAS

- *Our Space*
 - It has been noticed that some ourspace bookings are being added to the app when the children haven't been there. This is down to the children being accidentally marked on the register. Families are able to check the app, and if there are any incorrect entries, please email the office and you will be refunded the difference.
 - Improved MCAS sign up within the community - 289 users.
 - There are still some messages being sent via text or email instead of push notifications on the App and Rory will look into this again.

PC Chair update

- WhatsApp group guidelines were discussed and whilst a consensus was not reached it was agreed to come back to the possible ways forward in the new academic year.
- The Chair spoke about the need for more families to be present in the room during the meetings and ways forward to increase representation were identified.

AOB

- Zero Waste Hub - improved communication regarding this event in the future.