

PARENT VOICE MEETING Monday 18 June 2018

ATTENDANCE: A. Wappat (Principal), S. Rice (Vice Principal), P. Taylor (Chair of Academy Council & Sponsor Governor), A. Barnes (Sponsor Governor), M. Atkinson (Sponsor Governor), 3 parents/carers

WELCOME & INTRODUCTION BY CHAIR OF GOVERNORS

Mrs Taylor welcomed everyone present to our Academy's termly Parent Voice meeting and thanked them for coming.

PRESENTATION BY MS RICE ON THE ACADEMY'S ATTENDANCE POLICY

(Mr Wappat will make this presentation is available on the Outwood Academy Bydales website)

- Ms Rice explained that the only action point in the recent Ofsted was connected with attendance: Continue to work closely with families and pupils to decrease persistent absenteeism for pupils who are disadvantaged.
- Ms Rice pointed out the close correlation between attendance and achievement.
- Safeguarding underpins attendance (please can all parents/carers ensure that the academy has the most up-to-date contact details).
- Attendance is the responsibility of all staff at the academy. They must record attendance as prescribed in the Attendance Policy and support students to ensure they only miss school when absolutely unavoidable.
- The academy has a legal responsibility regarding attendance.

OPEN FORUM FOR QUESTIONS, SUGGESTIONS AND COMMENTS:

New Behaviour Policy

A parent suggested that the new 30 minute detentions in the first instance may be seen by students as the academy going softer on behaviour.

Mr Wappat said it was early days for the new Behaviour Policy as it only began that morning. Impact would be monitored and fed back to the Executive Principal with responsibility for Behaviour, Mr M Hassack.

PRINCIPAL'S ACADEMY UPDATE ON THE RECENT:

- **Year 8 Graduation Residential**

Mr Wappat explained the importance of this weekend and all the opportunities that would be on offer for the students.

- **Year 11 Leavers' Breakfast**

This was being held the following day and Mr Wappat praised the Year 11 students for the commitment and conduct, especially during the examination period. The turn out to early morning Enrichment Revision Breakfasts at 7.30am had been phenomenal.

- **Website**

Mr Wappat explained the archive facility on the Academy website and showed some of the information available there, such as News Items.

- **Bike Shed**

The Student Voice had been instrumental in obtaining £550 for the Parish Council and the Academy has now achieved a successful National Lottery Fund bid and been granted £10K. The academy is now in discussion with Robertsons FM, who has taken over the Carillion FM PFI contract.

CLOSING REMARKS

Mr Wappat and Mrs Taylor thanked Mr Rice and parents/carers for their attendance and input. Those present were assured that their comments and suggestions were valued, had been noted and, where appropriate, would be acted upon.