



Parent Shuraa 11th October 2018 5:30-6:30pm

Minutes

1. Purpose of the Parent Shuraa:

Mrs Forshaw outlined the main purpose of the group is to provide feedback and input to the senior leadership team of the school regarding any school initiatives that they may bring before the group. It is also a group which exists to support the school within the community, acting as ambassadors for the school, as well as providing extra hands for events that the school organises.

2. Officers of the Parent Shuraa- Chair/Secretary/Treasurer

The following people volunteered to support the work of the Parent Shuraa

Mrs F Nomani: Event Co-ordinator

Mr Salim Atchia: Secretary

Mr Sabir Mitha: Treasurer

JZK/ Thank you for offering your service.

3. Forward dates for events Autumn Term

November 1st Open Evening for new EYFS- parents to support with refreshments if possible (liaise with Farida Nomani if you can help with this)

W.C. November 12th InterFaith week in school and anti-bullying week

19th November- Road Safety week- poster competition to promote children keeping safe on local roads

Friday 16th November- Birth of Prophet Muhammad (PBU)- spiritual pledge work with children at home and school

Children in Need Day (wear spots or wear your PJs to school) This year children to raise money by making a pledge to help at home to raise money for Children in Need

Tuesday 20th November- launch of the Winter Gift Programme- contributions of gifts suitable for local Food Bank; Residential Care Home or the Childrens Ward at Preston hospital

Thursday 22nd November Parent Shuraa 5-15pm

6th December Open Evening EYFS (support with refreshments please)

Monday 10th December- distribution of Winter Gifts

Monday 17th December- Christmas Super Learning week

4. On-line systems- lunch menus and school shop

Parents reported that the on-line systems were working well. Parents reported that children appeared to like the meals provided. A question was raised as to whether it would be possible to combine accounts where more than one child is in school to save parents logging on more than once. Mrs Forshaw to investigate this.

5. Uniform supplier update

The problems with supply of school uniform appeared to have largely been resolved now. Parents reported that the quality of some items is not good- buttons coming off pinafores for example. Also parents asked if it would be possible to have a size 6-7 as they felt the jump in sizes from 5-6 to 7-8 was too great. Parents fed back that stock levels in Blackburn appeared to be higher than in Preston. Mrs Forshaw to pass on parents comments to Star academies for comment.

6. Scout group update

Mrs Forshaw advised parents of the difficulties that had been experienced engaging with local leaders of the Scouts movement. This was due to the school not being able to provide details regarding the permanent site of the school building. Since the meeting, Mrs Forshaw has managed to arrange a meeting with a local leader of scouts who we hope may help us to move things forward whilst we are still in our temporary accommodation. A further update will be provided at the next meeting.

7. Sports competitions –timings and transport

Mrs Forshaw outlined the school's plans to increase opportunities for pupils to take part in competitions against other schools. In the first instance this will be for our older pupils (Y3) More opportunities will then be made available to other year groups as the year progresses. Parents were supportive of more competitions and did not think that this would represent a problem for Madrasa commitments as long as this was not a weekly event. Mrs Forshaw explained that in the early stages this was likely to be on a few occasions over the course of the half term.

8. Residential trips

Mrs Forshaw outlined plans to offer Y3 pupils the opportunity to take part in a residential activity trip. Parents were generally supportive of the idea and thought it would be good for children to have such experiences throughout their school life and not just all in Year 6.

9. AOB

Parents asked if children might be given a choice over the sandwich fillings they receive as part of their packed lunch on Fridays. Mrs Forshaw to investigate.

Mrs Forshaw thanked everyone for their attendance and very helpful input to the discussion. The meeting closed at 6:40pm.

Date of next meeting: Thursday 22nd November 5:15pm Please email any questions or points for discussion to info@olivepreston.staracademies.org