

Notes from the Parent Partnership – 6th November 2017

Parents Present:

Susa Anderson – Scarlet Anderson, Peter Anderson – Scarlett Anderson, Jodacy Macedo – Ana Caroliny Macedo, Thomas Boakye – Christian Boakye, Heather Lee – Alice Lee, Helen Marsden – Charlie Marsden, Colin Ward – Jack Ward, Neil Thornley – Eaton Thorley, Karen Clingan – Josh & Toby Clingan, Amanda Digman – Emily Digman, Paul Digman – Emily Digman, Amanda King – Alec King, Alice Mcans – Eleanor McGregor, Lisa Fox – Mackenzie Fox, Heather Straker – Kade Straker Meads, Zeinaba Nour – Nassr Nassr.

Senior Leadership team present:

Derek Hobbs (Principal,) Jo Green (Vice Principal,) Laura Woffindin-Taylor (Assistant Principal)

Staff Present:

Greg Jackson (Senior APM), Paul Rogers (Booth House) and Phil Harris (Head of Media Studies)

Chair:

Jo Green, Deputy Principal

1. Welcome and Prayer:

Jo Green welcomed everyone to the meeting and led a prayer.
Apologies were received from Ros Harris, Parent Governor.

2. Explaining and launching homework set online – Phil Harris (Head of Media Studies)

Phil Harris explained the new website used to set homework online. Moodle is the new platform to encourage students to be organised and complete work on time. Currently Moodle is accessible to Year 10 & 11 only however this will change in the spring term. Moodle has a view to improve and be interactive however it is starting off simple to encourage all students to use it.

A parent expressed that they would like to see it be more interactive, having tick boxes for completion and parent log ins. Phil Harris stated that this is something that will be looked into in the near future.

Another was concerned that the school planners might be phased out. Phil stated that we will need to look at reviewing the need for the planner.

It was also raised that it causes confusion if there are different systems for different subjects (for example online maths practice sites) and Phil acknowledged this and explained that he is working with different departments to centralise all homework onto one system with links to send across to supporting websites.

Phil asked parents to direct any queries to him either via their child or by email: PHA@emmanuel.nottingham.sch.uk.

We will seek further feedback at the spring term meeting.

3. The work of Heads of House; supporting charities and developing extracurricular activities – Paul Rogers (Head of Booth House)

House Names

Paul Rogers explained the new names for each of the four houses.

Blue – William Booth – Booth House

Yellow – Jackie Pullenger – Pullenger House

Green – Martin Luther King Junior – King House

Red – George A Romero – Romero House

These names have been chosen by the students and members of staff. Students were asked to vote for those who represent our school values of Community, Hope, Wisdom and Dignity.

Extracurricular Activities

Please see website for extracurricular activities booklet.

Paul Rogers explained that the enrichment booklet is updated every term using suggestions from the students to cater to everyone. Every student should be attending extracurricular activities. Every subject runs many different activities for all year groups. Year 11 students do not attend as many enrichment clubs due to having intervention classes. Please be aware that enrichment clubs run during lunch time and afterschool.

House Points

Paul Rogers explained that students earn house points, This is to reward students so they can actively see how well they are doing in school. Many students like to see how many house points they have earned. Students are able to access this through their tutors (who share this data weekly) and their heads of house. Students will receive a certificate once they have received 100 house points. Prizes are given for those receiving the most amounts of house points.

A parent suggested having a system where parents can also see how well their child is doing and can see their achievements.

Derek Hobbs explained the system is set to change in the next 12 months. This will enable parents to see behaviour events form home.

Charities

Paul Rogers explained the four house charities.

Booth House – Salvation Army

King Jr House – The Arches

Pullinger House – Safe families for children

Romero House – Nottingham children’s hospital

4. Multi Academy Trust (MAT) – Derek Hobbs (Principal)

Derek Hobbs gave an overview about the process of moving to a multi academy trust; please see website for more information.

5. Responding to complaints regarding negative behavioural events out of school - Greg Jackson

Greg Jackson stated that Emmanuel’s reputation in the community is very important to us and we take all complaints or feedback seriously. We place a great deal of emphasis on letting students know that they represent the school on their way to and from school; the behaviour policy at Emmanuel states that we are committed to following up unacceptable behaviour beyond the school gate. Any complaints received are investigated and action is taken as quickly as possible, informing parents and issuing sanctions as appropriate.

Some complaints have turned out to be unfounded, based on incorrect information or generalisations about young people. Greg stated that a great deal of work goes into giving clear messages to all year groups, through Acts of Worship and the tutor programme.

6. NEXT MEETING: 18 January 2018