



Minutes of Parent Voice Group Meeting Monday 5th October

Present:

Vicky Tyas - Chair

Sharon Warren

Xioamei Whiteley

Caroline Webster

Kate Rosevear

Why Parent Voice Group?

Really useful, in school hours as non-attendance, evening difficult for parents, keen for opinions.

❖ **Year 3/4 Christmas Productions**

Due to the impact on curriculum, impact on children, pressure to learn lines role, too much time taken to practice, impact on next day at school, children's feedback - bored, opportunity to shine in a more creative and fun way, the Year 3/4 productions have been changed into a Christmas Extravaganza. More opportunities for all of the children to take part and have an active role. One afternoon, one early evening.

Parent Voice Feedback

Parents - it is great, rein it in a little bit and less anxiety.

Time change is great as it is too late for the children and they get tired.

There may be some parents who work that might need a later time but choice of two days.

Suggestion that parents requested a voting slip to vote for which times they think about?

❖ **More Inclusive**

Something we do because we always have done, boys and girls line up, equal treating and no discrimination, lining up other way? Ideas?

Parent Voice Feedback

Not overly concerned about the way we line up but could try:

Alphabetical?

Line size?

❖ **Taking Videos and Photographs at Events**

CCC gave policy they would like to adopt. Our Teachers and Governors are split in decision.

Reasons:

Some children without photo permission and others recording and taking photos of them.

Some split families, with some parents not knowing where they are due to child protection – put on facebook/social media.

No licencing rights to record – for productions or plays.

Looked after children.

Balance parent wanting vs. danger of exposure.

The policy says:

- ✓ No live videos/ipads.
- ✓ No photos whilst event is happening but arrange photograph at end to take photos of your children (removing children who do not have permission).

Parent Voice Feedback

Disagree – Facebook/social media parents can touch blurr on the ipad.

Like to take pictures and record own children.

Some parents have been seen putting pictures on Facebook of other children.

Time could be taken to announce/remind parents at beginning of event that they can take photographs for own personal use but not sharing on social media. Letter sent to parents to say warning if shared on Facebook, policy will have to be adopted.

Professional photos and voluntary donation like the year 6 a possibility?

School response: We will adopt the reminder to parents re: putting images and videos on social media and will also use a letter to parents to remind them not to put images up if they have been seen to be putting them online.

❖ **Fostering Equality and Independence in all Children**

Do you feel we do? What do you think we could do better? Any systems that work? Any systems that don't?

Parent Voice Feedback

Discussed systems and what we currently have in place. Parents felt that there was a lot of fostering independence at BCPS.

Some children are more independent at school than at home.

All Religions are covered in RE.

Suggestion for Assemblies – more diverse assemblies and visitors.

Suggestion linked with a more diverse school to ensure more cultural experiences, have visits back and forth.

No issues around gender equality.

School response: We will plan in a larger variety of speakers to come into assemblies, particularly from different faiths.

❖ **Lunchtime Football**

Whole field taken over by football, no chance for non-football players to have access to the field.

Split Monday – Thursday Year 4/5 boys/girls football? Friday football free?

Winter rules about field – even smaller space taken over by football.

Parent Voice Feedback

Football Free Friday – good idea, children quite accepting that it is shared.

Children feedback that there are lots of arguments – always same children dominate.

3 days on and 2 days off, perhaps Monday and Friday?

Winter rules either Years 5/6 or 3/4.

Children might come up with ideas how to share/put it to them.

School response: We have adopted football free Fridays and are working with the children to come up with an alternative solution to playtimes instead of football.

AOB

- Year 6 SATS Meeting? Individually at parents evening? Parents would like information on further developments and updates.
- Playing fields – fencing fundraised. Could there be a parent consultation about the fencing around the field – vote
- Access to the office. Office closes at 3pm. Opened until 3.30pm to allow parents to drop in after school.
- Payments on line for school trips as well as dinner money rather than cheque.

School response:

- We will be producing a leaflet outlining the changes you need to know about the new SAT requirements to go out at Parents Evening for Years 2 and 6.
- There will be an opportunity to voice your views and to talk through the issue of the school fencing at the back of the school field during our next Parent Forum meeting led by Mrs Holcroft.
- The school Office will remain open until 3.15pm as will the phones – but please note that at peak times the phone cannot always be answered straight away but messages are picked up.
- We are investigating how we can make paying online for school trips more common practice.

Date for Next Meeting
Monday 1st February, 2:00pm