

Friday, 16th Feb 2024

Woodbridge Road Academy Council Meeting

Attendees: Naomi Shenton, Gabriella Kantor, Greer Jordan, Sarah Munday, Beatriz Dominguez

1. The role of the academy council

Following introductions, Naomi explained the role of the academy council to the new members who then proceeded to sign the Code of Conduct.

2. Parent/carer coffee mornings and workshops

The school's leadership remains committed to bringing parents to participate in the school life. They hope to achieve this by organising regular parent/carer coffee mornings and workshops. The first coffee morning this academic year took place on 16th Nov 23 and was well attended, with a good mix of parents. Additional events have been planned for 6th March and for 24th April, this will include a "Travel Trainers" workshop.

Regarding what subjects could be addressed in future workshops, all councillors agree that puberty is an important subject to possibly be addressed on a yearly basis.

The possibility of organising "learning together" sessions for pupils and parents was discussed. These may be difficult because working parents may not be able to attend easily. Maybe these could be organised at 3:30, outside school hours, to maximise attendance.

3. Home-school communication

The school will aim to offer two parent/carer evenings of 15 min per year for parents to meet teachers in person. This will be in addition to annual review meetings. Additionally, the school aims to offer one phone call from teachers to parents every three weeks.

The parent councillors do not feel that there are any current barriers to communication with the school, with phone calls and emails always being promptly addressed.

4. Future agenda items

The subject of *curriculum* will be discussed at the next council meeting.

5. Any questions

Homework was discussed. The suggested plan is, for KS2 and KS3, to set not so much traditional homework, but online challenges that can get pupils use to do some work at home. For KS4 online homework will be slowly increased, aiming to be flexible.

Homework doesn't have to be necessarily on the more "difficult" subjects, it can be art project, related to food (ie. online recipes to do at home), etc.

To motivate pupils to walk more, the “Beat-the-street” in Ipswich provides an opportunity that the school is considering at the moment.

Homework will be discussed further at future academy council meetings.

A doodle poll will be shared with academy council members to arrange the next meeting.