

City of Rochester School Parent Advisory Group Meeting Minutes

Day-Date

Present: Sheila Humphrey (Registrar), Kelly Lovell (Assistant Headteacher) Robin Born (parent), Sarah Born (parent), Maria Smith (parent) Victoria Crone-Kontemeniotis (parent) .

Apologies:

Topic Discussed	Ideas/actions
Policy update	<p>Following the update of KCSIE September 2022. It has been requested if parents can have further information relating to County Lines etc and how prolific this is in the Medway/Kent area. The concern is that parents are not always aware of these activities in their own area or what signs/ changes in personality/attitude they should be looking out for in their own children.</p> <p>We had hoped to speak to PC David Brett regarding this but unfortunately all school police officers have been removed from schools and redeployed within the police service.</p> <p>At our school coffee Morning on Wednesday 30th November, we have Alison Webb who is from Attendance Advisory Board but is also a child exploitation champion for Medway Council. I have asked for a copy of their newsletter to be shared with the school so we can share it with parents.</p>
COVID and general safety arrangements.	<p>Covid guidance remains unchanged.</p> <p>Flu Immunisation took place in school on Friday 30th September for all YrR to Yr11 students.</p> <p>HPV Vaccinations are booked for Monday 9th January 2023 for all boys and girls in Yr8 & Yr9, further information and how parents can give their consent will be sent out in due course.</p> <p>Parents asked if there was an available list of vaccinations that children should have received/are entitled to receive.</p> <p>SH – I have, since this meeting forwarded information to all parents in the form of the below link, giving access to NHS guidance.</p> <p>NHS vaccinations and when to have them - NHS (www.nhs.uk)</p>
Fundraising	<p>Last Term we had several charity days that the students participated in:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Harvest Festival – Medway Street Angels • Jeans for Genes Day – raised £62.00 • World Mental Health Day – Young Minds Charity - £38.00 <p>Proposal for the school to offer a present buying service for children. This has been sent to SLT for approval and we propose that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A form will be sent home for students to purchase Christmas gifts for a member/member's of their family at a cost of £2 per gift (including wrapping) stating the age and whether boy/girl, if a child. • On a specific date children will have the chance (during break time) to choose and wrap their presents ready for Christmas. <p>This has been agreed by SLT and will be actioned.</p>

	<p>Playground: Consultations are continuing regarding the playground design and the available space and we will share the design once all details have been finalised.</p> <p>Music Studio: The school is working with a funding advisor try and secure some funding for this project.</p>
Workshops /Coffee Morning	<p>The Coffee Morning Programme was sent home with all students at the end of last term and will be shared with parents as a PowerPoint presentation so that this can be forwarded to anyone that they feel would be interested in attending the coffee morning to listen to the specialist speakers or share ideas discuss concerns.</p> <p>Next Coffee Morning is on Wednesday 30th November and the guest speaker is Alli Webb – Attendance Advisory Practitioner and who also has a role as Child Exploitation Champion for Medway.</p>
Welfare & Wellbeing	<p>The school is aware of the current Financial Difficulty that some of our families are facing and that this is likely to affect more of our families this coming winter. We would encourage anyone experiencing such difficulties to speak to a member of the welfare team and we will do all we can to point you in the right direction to get help if we ourselves are unable to do so.</p>
Curriculum updates	<p>New timetables (including visuals) were sent out for all students at the end of term along with school reports.</p> <p>Term 2: Experiential As part of the experiential curriculum this term Neptune, Jupiter and part of Sun and Moon classes will be attending workshops at the Royal Engineers Museum which will include: ‘Catapults at the ready’, Zulu Warriors, Paws, Claws and Whiskers, and Turrets, Track and Tanks. As part of the experiential curriculum this term Mercury and Earth classes will be completing a mini first aid course. The workshops will be delivered by Katie McCandless – www.midkent.minifirstaid.co.uk</p>
AOB	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DFE announcement confirming that Monday 8th June 2023 is a Bank Holiday following His Majesty’s Coronation on Saturday 6th May 2023. The school will be closed that day.
Meetings	<p>The remaining two PAG meetings of this year will be held:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thursday 17th November – 1:30 - In school • December – to be discussed at next meeting