

PARENT PARTNERSHIP MEETING - Minutes

Date: Friday 14th June 2019
Location: Staff Room – Heron Way

Time: 9:00am

Present:

Mrs Wright, Mark Ellis, Gemma Hall, Christian Reston, Victorian Wyllie, Sarah Beadle, Vanessa Reeves, Paula Pelham, Claire Tyler, Katherine Williams, Claire Harding, Steve Goodwin, Katie Marsh

Apologies for absence: Anna Campbell, Sarah Millard

Agenda Item	Points Raised	Action to be taken by
Inspire Maths	<p>JC introduced the new Maths resource called 'Inspire' that the school will be using from September 2019. Methods of teaching maths has changed; we can end up confusing children using methods that we were taught when we were at school, for example, algebra. The UK's levels of deep conceptual understanding of maths is low in comparison to countries like Singapore who are championing those levels.</p> <p>Heron Way Staff visited a school in Brighton to meet with some students from Singapore. The scheme they use effects year R - 6.</p> <p>The Inspire scheme costs approximately £12 - 13,000 a year to implement the scheme through the whole school. Although this may appear expensive it costs around £20,000 for a part-time maths teacher - so it is worth the cost.</p> <p>In the Autumn Term we will run an introduction evening to introduce the scheme and to help parents understand how they can support their children at home.</p> <p>Using Inspire ensures the method of teaching maths is consistent throughout the school. Inspire is very teacher interactive, it includes games and various different activities. Each child has a practise book that they will be bringing home. This will be used to enforce what the children have learnt in class using their textbooks.</p> <p>PP enquired about children who are half way through the school. JC explained the teachers will be using a transition unit for the first 7 weeks from September to cover all of the knowledge that the children should have to enable them to commence in their new year group. Staff have been trained on using Inspire for the majority of this year.</p> <p>CH enquired about children that hadn't completed the book in the previous year. Support will be given to the children to cover all levels as they do now. Within mathematics children's strengths and weaknesses are not uniformed.</p> <p>KM commented that the crib sheet of terminology given in year 3 really helped. JC said about having an area of website devoted</p>	

	<p>to Inspire Maths. SB suggested a short video. JC explained there are videos that he is looking at trying to get access to. KM suggested speaking to the Brighton school to see what they do. A start of year guide would also be very helpful for parents. JC said this will form an aspect of the welcome meeting that will be held at the beginning of the year, he suggested following those meetings with a workshop in the hall for parents. GH said Reception handed out a pack of laminated math's sheets which was really useful. KM suggested telling parents what resources are available.</p>	
<p>Any other business</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • VR expressed concern regarding the journey home from Heron Way whether in car or on foot is horrendous. Could there a 10 min stagger time between finishing times for Millais, Forest, QEII and Heron Way. JC said the consultation process for changing the time with West Sussex, Schools, Governors and parents is difficult and unfortunately not an option. • Creche for assemblies/meetings - VR suggested use a side room off the hall and get out a few toys, books etc and crèche volunteers would get parent if child was distressed. Would this be something to consider at HW? Vanessa would happy to help set up if they do. JC said young children on tours is problematic as he does a lot of tours maybe that could be considered if we only held a couple of tours. It also affects insurance, trained first aiders and DBS checks. • SG - District Swimming Competition - GH said you cannot be part of the club if you are already part of another swimming club. JC to speak to MB but we are involved in so many different events it is difficult to staff also we do not see the children in the pool. CT said the PTA swim-marathon is open to all years. GH suggested children could be supported and chaperoned by their parents. JC questioned if the children feel let down if a member of staff wasn't there. Illegal parking outside the front of school, can it be enforced with a police visit maybe. SG - people still parking on zigzags - JC said please send car registrations to Operation Crackdown as parents will then receive a communication from the Police. • SG - possibility of a pond on the school site. JC said we used to have a pond. Pond needs to be maintained. You can't just put a fence around it, water has to be tested. Would be dangerous for younger siblings and also Saturday football, it would involve a lot of red tape and becomes an obstruction. 	<p>Action JC</p>