

**St Wilfrid's CE Primary School  
Eastern Road, Haywards Heath  
Parent Council  
20 March 2018, 2pm**

**MINUTES**

**Present:**    **Year R Katherine Silk**  
                 **Year 1 Beatrice Sandford-Legray**  
                 **Year 2 Anna Bartolomei**  
                 **Year 3 Clare Pickard (Chair)**  
                 **Year 4 Nanette Morris**  
                 **Year 6 Vicky Burstow**  
                 **Chair of Governors – Gill Garraway**  
                 **Interim Headteacher – David Bird**

**1. Apologies from Michelle Walkhouse, Year 5 representative.**

**2. Welcome**

**3. Matters arising from previous meeting 14 November 2017**

**ACTIONS:**

Parent Council	<p>Parking is still a problem. The Pioneer bus is still parking inconsiderately. A reminder will be put into the Newsletter.</p> <p>Pick-ups, especially from clubs, still need to be tightened up.</p> <p>The parents like the photographs on the newsletter and so do the children.</p>
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**4. Headteacher**

**WorthLess Campaign**

There has been some success in raising awareness of this Campaign. Please ask parents to write to MP's about the cuts in the funding given to our schools. The school is having to find ways to cut costs and so TA's will only be replaced if someone leaves. The Governors have done a good job in keeping staff levels up. In the future the school will have to look at the way its adults are deployed. SEN children will be supported but others may not get the support they do now. The children must develop independence in their learning. With regard to EHCP/Statement funding, money has to be used specifically for those children. The school needs funding across the board as do all schools across the County.

With regard to the letter to our MP, the Parent Council suggested that a sample letter be sent to parents, which they could then sign and forward to their MP. Parent Council felt that more parents would do this as they themselves were not sure what needed to be included in the letter. They also suggested that school ask parents to volunteer more for specific projects - sewing for example. David Bird will pass on this suggestion to Simon. Simon will soon be able to inform parents about his vision for the school.

The parent council also suggested asking parents to fund parts of the school. The FOSW already raise funds for specific projects. The parents would be keen for the FOSW to tell the parents in September which projects they are raising money for during that school year.

The core curriculum must be funded. Staff cannot be funded by the parents. Some classes share a teaching assistant in the afternoons. TA's do fantastic work for very little remuneration. They do sometimes have classes for short periods and some TA's are qualified HLTAs (Higher Level Teaching Assistants), who are able to cover for a limited time.

## **5. Year Group agenda items**

### **Year R – Katherine Silk**

Q. The reception parents are new to the book fair and felt that the logistics didn't work. The queues were too long and the quality of the books was not as high as they were expecting. The classes had already looked at the books by the time the parents took their children to buy them and they felt ambushed by their children who wanted books with novelties attached. It is felt by the reception parents that much more information and explanation needs to be given to them about events that happen in school.

A. This will be noted for the future.

### **Year 1 – Beatrice Sandford-Legray**

Q. Is the school recruiting more TAs and, if not, can parents volunteer to help more in school.

A. See WorthLess Campaign information above

Q. There is a concern among parents that the children are behind in their learning.

A. Parents can see the Head, Deputy Head or Key Stage Leader if they are concerned about progress.

### **Year 2 – Anna Bartolomei**

Q. There have been comments about general cleanliness in the school including water bottle buckets.

A. Mr Bird will look into this. Some of the classrooms have not been painted for a long time and the carpets may need cleaning.

Q. Could the two inset days which are two weeks apart be done on a Friday and Monday to make a long weekend.

A. They have to be held when the trainers can attend.

### **Year 3 – Claire Pickard**

Q. Could parents be told when their children go out of the classroom in a small group with a TA because this would give parents a chance to give extra help at home?

A. If the children are SEND, parents are always informed but on occasions small groups are taken out for help on a particular task and parents are not informed about these.

Q. Hares parents would like to have met Mr Geddie.

A. Mr Geddie is out on the playground at the end of the day. Ms Strange saw Hares parents at parents evening.

### **Year 6 – Vicky Burstow**

Parent morale is improving now and the parents are looking forward to Simon Hateley starting and learning of his vision for the school.

## **6. Any Other Business**

The parent councillors wondered when OFSTED would be returning.

This is usually between 6 and 12 months from the last inspection but it is known that they are behind. We will be judged on progress and our Year 6 results were good.

The Parent Council would like a member of the FOSW Committee to come to Parent Council meetings.