

## Parent Council Chairs – March 2024

### Responses to Q&A Session

#### **1. Do the frequency and time of these meetings suit you, if not please suggest alternatives?**

- Six people said yes
- would be better to have one per quarter
- 4 times a year but only for an hour
- this is my first one... annually would seem sensible?
- after 8 would be better as it's the time I put kids to bed
- This works well for me

#### **2. Does the balance of the agenda suit in terms of time allocated to information sharing and/or opportunity for discussion?**

- Less strategy
- happy with balance, should be a listening forum for council leads, opportunity to feedback appreciated
- in person would be better for chat? could it turn about virtual / in person?
- I believe so
- 1st time attendee. seemed to work well
- a lot of information to take in each meeting
- Breakout for smaller discussions welcome where relevant
- any chance to contribute questions or topics ahead of the meeting so you have chance to include it?
- Yes
- Shorter presentations possibly with less edu speak - not aware that is challenging

#### **3. How familiar are you with CONNECT? 1 being not at all and 10 being very familiar – and/**

#### **4. If familiar, what has been of most use to you in your role?**

- 9
- 1
- Policies
- 4
- 1
- what is connect?
- Not a fan - we surveyed our parents and simple email very clear preferred method of communication
- 8
- 10. general operation of a PC and roles within and support with templates etc
- 3
- 3 I only joined parent council last year
- 8 policies constitution help online information sessions insurance
- 5
- 5 - yet to access resources directly, but have gleaned useful info by reading newsletters
- good practical guidance provided

**5. Are there any particular themes that you would like added to the agenda for these meetings?**

- PC proper involvement in school improvement planning
- P and K level strategies ( as tonight)
- fundraising ideas from other schools. sharing good practice about funds or grants we can access as parent councils
- Procurement limitations/challenges
- PC proper involvement in school improvement planning
- Trustee responsibilities
- help with getting the school to communicate better
- key areas we can brief out on your behalf, links to other council services, like roads, Sustrans etc
- How can we better support schools with the recent budget cuts?

**6. Any other comments?**

- is there an official guideline from the council on WhatsApp groups?
- Probably best you don't ask!
- I can't think of anything at the moment