

CHAIR: Megan Nurse

PARENT COUNCIL

DATE: 31 January 2018

ACTON CE PRIMARY ACADEMY



VENUE: Acton CE Primary

Present	Name	Membership Category	Child's Year	Membership Commenced
✓	Philip Sutton	Parent	R	
✓	Eleesa Weaver	Parent	1	
✓	Megan Nurse	Parent	1 & 6	
✓	Beccy Ball	Parent	2 & 6	
✓	Rachel Lines	Parent	2 & 4	
	Cherry Riddlesdin	Parent	3	
	Richard Holland	Parent	3	
	Alison Cough	Parent	4	
	Hayley Maddocks	Parent	5	
✓	Mark Zouch	Parent	2 & 5	
✓	Mrs Middleton	Deputy Head Teacher		
	Fiona Sloyan	Director/Governor		
	Mrs Dolman	Head Teacher		
✓	Neil Duncalf	Director		

Minute taker

Beccy Ball

Apologies – Alison Clough, Richard Holland, Cherry Riddlesdin
Welcomed Director Neil Duncalf to the meeting.
Previous minutes discussed and agreed.

Discussion & Action Points:

Whom/When

Gazebo: Thank you to Marcus for jet washing the gazebo to make it less slippery. It was suggested that a re-treatment would be a good idea for maintenance.

Re-treat gazebo
Marcus

SATS results: Well done to staff and children for the excellent SATS results for 2017. Mrs Middleton informed us that the Combined Greater Depth Acton school results were 8% and Cheshire East Schools average CGD results were 8%. Across Cheshire East Acton was 4th top. Acton are working on giving the children targeted for greater depth the support they need to improve the results.

Christmas School Reports: There has been mixed reviews about the children's reports that came out just before Christmas. Some found them not personable as child's name wasn't used and seemed very computer generated. It was more the comment made at the bottom rather than the progress chart. Mrs Middleton said that Schools only need to report once a year so these are additional reports to give parents a snapshot of the autumn term progress and were not to eat into the teacher's time too much.

Consider the feedback for the Christmas reports
Mrs Dolman/Mrs Middleton

P.E: As discussed at the last meeting, P.E. Still seems to be inside the majority of the time. Mrs Middleton reported that the classes get out whenever possible but it has been very cold and despite texts going out about dressing warmly some children are still inappropriately dressed. Girls getting changed for P.E. In the same classroom as the boys could be embarrassing for some. The older classes change in a

Speak to Mr Gibbons about getting the children outside more for P.E.
Mrs Middleton/Mrs

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<p>different room and it was suggested that if your child has an issue with this they could come into school on those days with their P.E. T-shirts already on underneath their uniform.</p>	<p>Dolman</p>
<p>Football Practise: Five sessions were planned on a Monday by Mr Gibbons at Malbank. One of these sessions has already been cancelled and there seems to be a confusion as to whether there will be any more in the future. Mrs Middleton said unfortunately a practise had to be cancelled due to person reasons and she would look into any further practises planned.</p>	<p>Speak to Mr Gibbons or Miss Holman</p> <p>Mrs Middleton/Mrs Dolman</p>
<p>Parent's Evening: Mixed reviews about STAR meetings as previously discussed. There seems to be some inconsistency in the way the appointments were carried out. Some teachers talking more to the parents and some involving the children more. Parents would not like these meetings to be instead of the original parent's evenings as they would like the opportunity to speak to teachers without the children being there. Mrs Middleton suggested that as the STAR appointments this time are 20 minutes long then there could be the opportunity to spend some time chatting to the teacher alone first and then the child joins later.</p>	<p>Speak to the teachers about any inconsistencies and suggest a meeting with parents only, if required.</p> <p>Mrs Middleton/Mrs Dolman</p>
<p>Toilets: It was suggested there had been a shortage of soap available in the boys toilets. Mrs Middleton had checked the toilets as she was asked by a parent. There was no liquid soap but there was a hand held soap. The toilets are checked every morning and evening. Children were reminded to wash their hands and cleaners were asked to carry out extra cleaning to reduce germs spreading during the sickness bug last term. Neil Duncalf spoke about how he meets with Marcus Ashcroft every term to do a Health and Safety check within the school and the Directors are very conscious of H&S.</p>	
<p>Accelerated Reading: A concern was expressed that the children are not able to take the accelerated reading tests frequently enough meaning sometimes they have read 3 books before they are tested reducing their chances of remembering the book. Parents would like to know more about their children's results. Do parents really know enough about the Accelerated Reading scheme? Mrs Middleton suggested perhaps teachers could print out results from these tests for parents at the STAR meetings and that she would put a comment in the next newsletter with more information about it.</p>	<p>Explain Accelerated Reading in next Newsletter and speak to teachers about printing out results for STAR meetings.</p> <p>Mrs Dolman/Mrs Middleton</p>
<p>Snack Prices: Snack prices seem to be increasing on a regular basis. Mrs Middleton informed us that the snack is provided by the private contractors who provide the lunches and that she hadn't been informed of these increases. It was suggested that school should be informed of any changes and that there should be a review of their contract with regards to price increases.</p>	<p>Review contract with regards to price increases.</p> <p>Mrs Dolman/Mrs Middleton</p>

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AOB:

Cake Sale Price Increase: There was an increase in the price this time of the cakes at the FOAS cake sale. Previously costing 30p now some costing 50p. This seems a bit too expensive meaning perhaps some children aren't able to buy any.

Speak to FOAS about cake price increase.

Mrs Dolman/Mrs Middleton

Proposed Building Projects in Acton: The owners of Dorfold Hall are proposing building new houses in Acton and a pub on the village car park where the majority of parents park for school. This will make the village very congested, impossible to park and very dangerous for the children. Neil Duncalf spoke about talks still going on with the landowner of the field next door with a possibility of purchasing some of his land to build a school car park and perhaps extend the school grounds.

Next Meeting: Wednesday 25th April 6.30pm