

Ashmole Parent Forum

25th April 2016, 9am

The meeting was chaired by Louise Banér (Parent Governor), and Richard van den Berg (Parent Governor) in attendance, minutes by Juliet Hobday (Community Governor).

Attendance: - 22 parents

Welcome and Introductions

Louise introduced the governors present and talked through the agenda.

- Mr. Toye to talk about the EDC and breakfast club.
- Mr. Hickman to talk about extra curricular school clubs etc.
- Governors to talk about the move to federation with Wyvern.
- Q&A

EDC & Breakfast club

The breakfast and afterschool club started in 2007 and was extended in 2009 to involve the cluster schools. In 2016 the Nuffield study was published which Mr. Hickman will talk about in more detail.

Breakfast club is used by 28 children regularly with 8-22 children per day average of 14. It is subsidized by the school budget to the tune of £1000 per year.

EDC has 52 regular users 11-31 each day with an average of 20. It is subsidized by £20,000 from the school budget.

Other factors to consider:

Subsidized places are available to

- Children receiving pupil premium
- Children of staff members
- Children with SEN statements

Staff costs relating to varying numbers of children on any one day.

The return form the parent survey suggests

- that the children that don't go don't need it.

- Everyone wants the booking and payments to be casual
- School should increase clubs and target age groups

The next steps are

- prices are fixed until September 2016.
- Prices for breakfast club will go up a little to cover the £1000 subsidy
- Price for after school club will go up substantially to try and mitigate cost to school, but will be kept in line with other afterschool provision in the area.
- Prices will be reviewed annually.

Question from parents.

1. It was suggested that if we wanted to get numbers up for after school club we should extend the time to 6pm as it is hard for parents to make the 5.30pm dead line.
2. It was suggested by parents that they could be more organized and book in advance for EDC if it kept the cost down.
3. Suggested that some places were left available for emergency's.
4. Clubs might be a reason for more children to come to EDC and raise numbers.

Summer holiday provision is being looked into through the cluster and parents will be notified accordingly.

Extracurricular

Mr. Hickman talked about the Nuffield study and how it had been shown that when the formal curriculum is supported by clubs using Artistic, Creative and sporting abilities it improved outcomes across the board, but particularly for children receiving pupil premium.

Clubs in place this year at Ashmole

Monday Pottery 12 pupils per year group, Y1 & 2. This will be extended next year.

Tuesday Orchestra 24 pupils from Y3-6 run by LLM.

Wednesday Martial Arts 18 pupils Y3-6

Thursday Multi-skills 21 pupils Y1&2

Friday Cookery club 16 pupils YR-6

103 places in total. Places have to be booked in advance as tutors need to be booked and paid for.

Gymnastics club is being developed and will probably run in the morning 3 days a week.

Y6 has been starting at 8am to help get prepared for SAT's this seems to be working well and more things might be suggested for the morning.

Federation

Louise explained that the soft federation with Wyvern ends next year 2017. The school options were to go into Hard Federation with Wyvern, Ending the federation and looking for new leadership or looking for another federation to join.

The governing body consider the leadership, proximity and cost incentives of the Wyvern federation are working well for the school and have decided that the best option for the school is to move towards hard Federation with Wyvern.

Wyvern's governing body has been approached to see if they are willing and we will proceed with open consultation over the summer.

Changes for the school going forward with the hard federation are minimal in terms of leadership except in regards to the governing body.

Direction from Lambeth is that schools should go into federations or academy's as their budgets have been cut so much that they cannot support schools going forward.

The parents were asked if there were any questions they would like to know about the federation going forward and were asked to forward questions so we can ensure we are asking the correct questions to Wyvern and the school keeps the character that parents want.

Meeting finished at 10.15am