

Governor Drop in Minutes

Friday 11 December, 2015

Present

Rachel Hermer

Yvette Mahon

Mike Yule

10 Parents and Carers

Initial review of subjects raised at meetings of February and July 2015 and school responses

Current concerns -

1) Halal Meat Options

- Call for Halal meat option to be made available 2 days per week

Actions

- Review voting requirements in detail required to achieve approval of above and consult with school kitchen
- Mike/Yvette to meet to discuss with parents
- Background information on what constitutes Halal and operational issues to be circulated to parents ahead of any potential vote

2) Diversity week

- Parents felt there was insufficient forewarning and communication from the school to enable parent preparedness.

Actions

- Flag-up to school that adequate parent notification of such lessons/events must occur
- Will ask school to feed back to Diversity Role models parent comments on some perceived inappropriate content

3) Bullying

- On-going parent concern about the robustness of current bullying procedures and inconsistency of staff response. Discussion focused largely (though not exclusively) on incidents concerning one anonymous child. Concern that more could be done on looking at emotions behind bullying, developing school culture of kindness and provision of educational psychology support to affected families.

Action

- feedback to PSWB committee which regularly reviews policy and procedures

4) Outsourcing of PE

- Parent concern that school doesn't have a PE teacher on staff - outsourcing leading to perceived high turnover of inexperienced staff poorly equipped to cope with child behaviour issues appropriately.

Action

- Feed back to school

5) Teacher interaction

- General concern raised over some inappropriate use of phones, sharing of music videos etc with children and heavy-handed behavioural management of children by a limited number of staff

Action

- Feed back to school. Parents advised to make a formal complaint if they feel it is warranted.

6) Reception playground and ongoing demand for cycle/scooter storage

- Strong concern that Reception outdoor provision is poor and the space needs re-working/attention as soon as possible.

Action

- Flag up with Premises committee

- Re-visit provision of on-street cycle parking with Camden if on-site is impossible

Issues raised outside the GDI questions

1) Quality of presentation of homework - poor photocopies, misspellings etc

2) Concern about rubbish accumulation in the playground

3) Call for transport arrangements on trips to be more carefully considered to enable decreased journey times

4) Concern over use of coffee cups in the classroom