



MINUTES OF PARENTS' LIAISON GROUP MEETING

Sunday 12 November 2017, 1.00 pm – Conference Room

Present: Mr Shaw, Mr Adams, Miss Phipps, Mrs Ansell, Mrs Paterson, Mr & Mrs Scott, Mrs Wakefield, Mrs Wood

		ACTION
1.	Apologies: Mr King, Rear Admiral Lockwood, Mrs Sowden	
2.	Minute approved.	
3.	Matters arising	
	a) <u>Mobile Phone Storage</u> Mr Shaw previously raised the issue of pupils not having mobile phones overnight but, this has not yet been actioned as there is no secure storage available.	
	b) <u>External Services</u> Mrs Ansell has written to DCYP regarding counselling within Queen Victoria School.	
	c) <u>CCF</u> Thanks to Mr Scott for his assistance to the CCF. Mr Shaw intimated that he had discussed with Mr Shannon a strategy for increasing staff involvement in the CCF. The business case for the SSI was ongoing. Meanwhile, Sgt Panayotou was in post until the end of February. Mr Shannon had said that without an increase in staffing the CCF would wind down.	
	d) <u>Tea/coffee at fixtures</u> Mr & Mrs Scott indicated that at least 10 parents had expressed a willingness to help serve tea and coffee. 'Side by Side', the new contractors, would need to be informed and Mr Adams agreed to raise the issue with them and to source a £50 float.	Mr Adams
4.	Headmaster's Update	
	- Mr David Mackay was now the preferred candidate for the Housemaster Trenchard post.	
	- Mr Ron Boyd was now Housemaster of Haig.	
	- Miss Carol-Anne Taylor was Deputy of Haig.	

		There were currently problems with accommodation for the new posts.	
	-	A new Assistant Housemaster had been appointed, but a few details remained to be finalised.	
	-	Mr Boyd was continuing his Chaplain role on Sundays but the school was actively seeking a new Chaplain who would teach RMPS and be acceptable to the GTCS. Mr Shaw explained that Dunblane Cathedral was helping out with the Chapel and a number of pupil groups were also leading assemblies.	
	-	The rededication of HMS Montrose was due to take place and Mr Shannon would represent the school at this event. Mr Shaw was delighted to renew the ship's link with QVS.	
	-	HMC now offered a £1000 bursary to senior students to pursue a project, once they had left QVS. Alex Smith used his money to help in Thailand and returned to QVS to give a presentation on this.	
	-	A pupil had been extremely ill on the Spanish trip, diagnosed with diabetes. Mrs Bairner had stayed on to help when the other pupils returned to QVS and the Trip representatives had also been excellent.	
	-	Friday 1 December – the PDD Concert was due to take place and PLG members were welcome to attend this event.	
	-	Mr Shaw raised the issue of fundraising with PLG assistance. Mrs Paterson indicated that they were actively involved in fundraising for the 2019 Mongolia trip. Mr Paterson made and sold cuff links. A meal and speaker with an auction was also suggested by Mrs Paterson as an effective fundraiser.	
5.		<p>Boarding House Security</p> <p>This was raised by Mrs Wood as a follow-on from an email sent by the Trenchard Housemaster to parents regarding his concern over lack of security of the Trenchard front door.</p> <p>Mr Shaw indicated he had responded to parents as there was no reason for concern. The door could not be accessed without the code, which had been subjected to rigorous MoD checks. He had received a positive response from parents with some offering apologies. Mr Bush was currently absent on medical grounds and had not been suspended as rumour suggested.</p>	
6.		<p>Behaviour Audit</p> <p>Miss Phipps shared with PLG members some of the comments offered by parents as part of a recent Behaviour Audit that had involved parents, pupils and staff. While the majority of comments on behaviour had been positive, there had been a body of more negative statements, attached for information. The general feeling was that these reflected the view of a minority of parents. Some PLG members expressed their willingness to be involved and Miss Phipps would make contact to seek their views.</p>	Miss Phipps

7.	AOB	
i)	Mr Shaw indicated that he would like to consider some fundraising to repair the Astro.	
ii)	Some parents had indicated their dissatisfaction with Tempest photographs and asked if Louise Cross would be able to take this on. Mr Shaw to make enquiries	Mr Shaw
iii)	The issue of insufficient food at second sitting was raised. It was also felt there was less choice of salad. Mr Adams would look into this and also indicated that a new system was in operation allowing pupils to make complaints, requests and offer compliments.	Mr Adams
iv)	Mr Adams raised with parents the wish of pupils to have a range of activities on from simply going to the park to taking part in 'Go Ape'. A greater number of activities would require an increase in pocket money. PLG members indicated they would be happy for this to take place, as Sunday, in particular, was a long day for many pupils.	
v)	Mrs Ansell raised the possibility of STEM activities within school and Mr Shaw indicated he had made a contact to discuss this for Maths and Physics. Mr Shaw raised the possibility of a separate fundraising group to discuss ideas and this would be considered at the next PLG.	
	Date of Next Meeting : Sunday 4 February 2018 - 12.00 pm, Conference Room	