

**Parent Voice Team Meeting - The Bourne Academy**

**Wednesday 14 June 2023 – 5.30 – 7.00pm**

Actions – in yellow

**Attendance**

**Present:** Kirsty Twigg, Tom Peacock, Caroline Gobell, Cristina Marques, Lisa Philogene-Jones, Wendy Punal, Katherine Spicer, Kimberley Parker, Natasha Varley, Emma Tarrant, Becky Withers.

**Apologies:** Alison Morris, Mark Avoth

**Welcome**: to everyone and to KT/TP from the pastoral team.

**Update on Previous Actions (April 2023)**

* **Canford Centenary Service –** donated £1000 to The Bourne Foundation from the retiring collection
* **Transition Evening –** K Spicer representing PVT as a helper from 5.30pm – 7.30pm
* **Staff names on website –** do email/call reception if you need to know a staff email address.
* **Attendance error texts –** will be sent in case of erroneous messages

**Pastoral Update**

1. **Successful intervention and support work going on with students –** eg. Colourworks for yr 8/self esteem, AFC Bournemouth Community outreach – for building relationships and resilience.
2. **Student Council –** going well with excellent attendance
3. **Sports Day –** planning in progress and will be an exciting day for all
4. **ASPIRE Day –** 4th July and will focus on British Values
5. **Trips –** Top rewards trip planned for July at Thorpe Park, and for Young Carers group at Monkey World
6. **Transition work** – concentrating on Yr 6s moving up to Yr 7, currently just finished the House allocation
7. **Yr 11** – exams almost finished, BBQ held today, and final leavers day this Friday
8. **ASPIRE Reward Card** – we’re piloting a new positive reward card to be stapled into the front of planners. This will pilot with Yr 9 for the last 3 weeks of summer term and first 3 weeks of autumn term, then hopefully rolled out immediately for all year groups. The card will focus on positive points awarded for ASPIRE qualities shown during social time/ACE/clubs etc. Once each box is filled in, the student goes to HoH for a chocolate and will then get a certificate in assembly + 150 house points. It ties in with the 1000 club and the winning house (largest number of house points) gets an extra mufti day at the end of term. ET queried that a column may never get filled in if the child didn’t possess that quality, CG reassured this wouldn’t happen. BW loved it, all parents loved it and were relieved to hear that something positive is being done, to counteract the FIC card, which can be negative. Query: can the badges be given out more promptlyl? KS – can we move the ASPIRE awards earlier in the year to work towards – TP enquire on all this.
9. **Rewards** – discussion in general – not all departments are being consistent with point-giving, some subjects never give points – CG raise again at LT.
10. **Parent Feedback** – from 3 x new PVT parents: (CG to advise LT of all following feedback & report back)

**Postcards** – hardly used any more – they had such a big impact, can we reinstate?

**Negativity** – liked the new ASPIRE card and queried there weren’t many opportunities for positive rewards or recognition at the Academy? Staff and other parents reassured them that there was plenty of opportunity eg. points for no strike, conduct/work housepoints, rewards, trips, opportunities to join groups like Student Council/Scholars, etc.

**Mobile phones** – can TBA sanction for unkindness and misconduct amongst students on phones during the evenings? TPe said it is beyond the school remit and parents should report to the police/get crime ref numbers. Assemblies and SMSC sessions held to discuss conduct.

**Bullying** – students trying to get into the Reflection Room to escape bullying, parents scared of children walking home, yr 8 very volatile. TPe/KT/CG responded to say there is a robust Anti bullying policy in place, closely adhered to on a daily basis. Very few cases of bullying and they are closely monitored by good parent/staff relationships. Also, there are assemblies and SMSC sessions to discuss and advise on conduct.

**GALS** – girls’ sport club……some students/parents felt there was a clique of girls who didn’t accept newcomers? TPe to raise this with Sports teachers and ensure this doesn’t happen.

CG and pastoral staff advised querying parents to speak with their HoH in the first instance, so that any of the above concerns can be dealt with quickly and effectively. CG to report back from SLT if advise any different from above.

**Principal’s Briefing & Other news**

1. **John Wines –** peri guitar teacher successfully auditioned for America’s Got Talent and awaiting news re live shows in August, big news around school and locally!
2. **£10K funding from Talbot Village Trust –** towards our Breakfast Club costs
3. **3rd Place Oxford Essay Writing Competition –** Bourne Scholar in Yr 8 successful essay writing wins award
4. **Bourne Scholars –** busily completing end of year activities and planning Graduation Ceremony at Canford in July
5. **Yr 11 –** leavers BBQ today and final Prom on 4th July
6. **School Games Gold Sports Mark Award –** presented to TBA for dedication to sport
7. **Music Events –** busily summer calendar of Recitals, MiSST Prom, awards evening and summer music café on Thursday 22 June – tickets available through Ticket Source
8. **DofE –** packed schedule of weekends for bronze, silver and gold. Recent three gold medalists attended their awards event at Buckingham Palace
9. **New video and new photos –** we’ve been busy filming, watch this space for new pics.

**Financial Update**

Current bank balance approx £1500

**Fundraising Requests – No new requests**

**PVT Events/Fundraising Updates:**

1. **Transition Evening for New Yr 7 parents** - Thursday 29th June – 5.00-7.00pm

KS to run stall, signposting and dealing with enquiries. CG to prepare bunting, enquiry forms, PVT signage

1. **Open Evening – Wednesday 20 September 6-8pm**

KS/LPJ/WP offered to run PVT stall, generally help in Reception where needed. Smart with PVT sashes.

1. **Christmas Fayre?** - to discuss again in September, nice event for the community and children if it can be organised. CG to put on agenda.

**AOB:**

* WP mentioned a local festival which she is organising at work for 22 July – send info to CG to advertise, as def relevant for local families.

**Date of next meeting**

* Wednesday 4 October 2023: 5.30-6.30pm