

Parental Engagement Person (PEP) Meeting (KS2)

Wednesday 29th November 3:00pm-3:30pm

Attendees

Ellie Linton (EL)- Communications & Marketing Manager

Sarah Greenway (SG)- Parental Links SIP Lead

Toni Pemberton (PEP for 3CM)

Christos Papageorgiou (PEP for 3KB)

Sharon Robinson (PEP for 4MQ)

Michelle Dennell (PEP for 5CC)

Eddy Cantor (PEP for 5CD)

Géraldine Garrabet (PEP for 5PS)

Minutes

1. PEPs were asked to introduce themselves and say how many children they have at the school and in which yeargroup(s).
2. EL reminded PEPs of what the role entails- promoting inclusion and encouraging other parents in their child's class to come to school events.
3. EL went through upcoming events that parents have been invited to:
 - Evening Parent Forum- Wednesday 29th November 6.00pm
 - PTA Winter Fair- Saturday 2nd December 11.00am
 - Christmas Performances (week commencing 4th December)
 - Parent Forum (working with parents/carers)- Thursday 7th December 9.00am
 - PHSE Parent Workshop- Wednesday 13th December 2.15pm
4. EL reminded parents of the Mental Health Policy Focus group on Monday 11th December at 2:30pm. PEPs were chosen to take part in this focus group as they are a representation of the whole school in terms of year groups etc. If any PEPs are unable to attend the focus group, but would still like to give their input on the policy, please let Ellie know and we will send you a copy to read.
5. SG asked parents for their ideas on how the school can improve communication with parents that speak English as an additional language (EAL). Suggestions included:
 - Speaking to Manly Park Primary School to see what their methods of communication are with EAL parents
 - Doing a questionnaire to find out what sort of PTA events parents would like to see put on, or ideas they have to make more parents come to PTA events
 - The Mela was discussed as very successful past event. Could the school and the PTA work together to organise another one in future? (as the last one meant taking two members of staff off timetable for a full week to organise)

- Parents agreed that the things that get best turnout event-wise are having food at the event, having a child-friendly event and having something that is low-cost for parents.
 - Another event that parents liked in the past was the women's event (bikes, Bollywood dancing workshop, Barbakan bread tasting)
 - Suggested that better links between school and PTA on events would improve parent turnout.
 - PEPs agreed that more parents might get involved in World Day for Cultural Diversity if it were done as more of an international fair on a Saturday.
6. SG reminded PEPs that the parent Facebook groups are a good place to plan parent social events. Parents encouraged to hold social events that are inclusive of all parents by not having alcohol and including children in the event. PEPs asked to think about planning a social event for the parents in their year group at some point this academic year. If parents do organise a social event for parents they can email the details to Ellie to send out by email to all parents in the class/year group. Flyers can also be made if needed.
 7. One of the PEPs (Eddy Cantor) said that his new restaurant, Cantor's Foodstore, would be a good place to hold parent social events as it is a child friendly establishment.