

## **Parents Association Meeting**

### **Monday 20<sup>th</sup> June**

Present: Debbie Straughn, Jenny Lok, Caroline Prior, Osman Ibrahim, Shelia Williams, Patricia Fairclough OBE, Amanda Cadogan, Ingrid Davis, Carole Murphy, Marian Opebiyi, Simon Brewster, Angela Kirton, Zamira Bitri, Juua Mcdaid, Mahmood Shougee, Fathimath Thaufeega, Rodelio Delgado, Partibha Makwama

#### 1) Introduction

D Straughn introduced J Lok to the group and gave a brief summary regarding J Lok's remit.

- J Lok gave a presentation defining her new role as a facilitator of parents Association in more detail.
- Agreement that text messages would be used on regular bases to inform parents of PA meetings.

#### 2) Feedback exercise

Parents asked to give feedback on issues/events this year that they felt positive about and also to feedback anything they felt could have been improved.

Shining lights (Went well):

- Text messages effective
- Thoroughly enjoyed Family Learning on Saturday morning
- Paris trip went well
- PA meeting a good place to meet other parents and share experiences.
- Empowerment to help strengthen and sustain good practice
- BLP aiding motivation in helping student to develop creative and mental skills
- Offers of IT learning to parents
- Pastoral care – good
- Emailing homework for parents to be more involved
- Feedback from teachers where there has been a discussion for a way forward in terms of homework, behaviour and general issues

Even Better ifs (area to improve):

- More information about when exams are happening
- Behaviour points system
- Work experience prior to flexiday

Concerns:

- Year 10 skiing trip too expensive at £100. Many families unable to afford it.

### 3) Planning Proposals

- Every parent is a member of PA and is entitled to attend all PA meetings.
- Steering group to be formed. Group will include Chair person, Deputy Chair person and a Secretary
- JLO asked parents present at meeting to fill in pink forms expressing interest in being part of the steering group.
- Steering group will decide on content of meeting.
- PA section of website to be updated and made 'friendlier'.
- All PA meeting dates for next Academic year has been set

*Action: JLO to attend new Year 7 information meeting (22/06/11) to promote importance of the role of the PA.*

*JLO will re-launch PA at the beginning of September and ask all parents to complete forms. Make up of Steering group will be established before first meeting in September. Leadership roles will be confirmed.*

*JLO will speak to Denesh (ICT/ web support) to redesign PA interface appearance on website.*

### 4) Possible items for inclusion in future agendas

- Communicating with parents who do not attend frequent PA Meetings
- Pastoral provision.  
(Positive and Negative point system)
- Fund Raising
- Primary/High School Transition  
(Setting out expectations prior too entry in Y7)
- Invitation of Family learning sessions via the support from PA

### AOB

- After some debate, parents agreed that name of group will be known as the **Parents staff Association (PSA)** from now on, to indicate the inclusion of all staff based at AHS.
- Adrian Coyle to give presentation to group re Homework policy before the end of term.