**Minutes of Parent Council Meeting**

**24th January 2019**

Present: Mrs Leeson, Rowena Acher, Helen Fone, Meena Hoque, Sophie Skinner

Apologies: Liz Wood

* Welcome and introductions
* Feedback from last meeting: we need a volunteer to head up the new recipe initiative. Parents to be asked.
* Extra-curricular activities:

\* A list of all extra-curricular activities will be produced, indicating eligible pupils, and cost/not.

\* Some children, especially the older ones, have indicated they would like a wider provision of activities. School council to be consulted on preferences.

\* Various parents have requested yoga as an option – NL to investigate possibilities.

\* Some older pupils really enjoyed the dance club which used to run. MH to find out where this used to be held, as the hall is now used by Jungle Club and there isn’t another large room.

\* RA will offer a drama club for KS2 pupils in the summer term, working towards a production. This may be on a Monday, further details to follow.

\* Concerns have been raised about possible safety issues re: the pick-up arrangements from Jungle Club. NL is going to raise this with the JC leaders.

* Drop-off / Pick-up arrangements:

Drop-off:

\* There is no easy solution to the congestion issues but many options were discussed.

NL is going to talk with staff about trialling the following measures:

\* Gates to be opened earlier

\* Year 1 & 2 to use the main entrance, older children only through the gate.

\* Children will go straight through to their classroom for a calmer start to the day, e.g. reading, chatting with friends, a task on the board etc.

Pick-up:

\* Trial use of both magic room door and main entrance door to ease congestion.

(\* Long term, possible use of EY larger garden, but this would require paths etc. because of mud.)

* Grounds/Garden:

\* Comments from parents indicated a wider variety of play needed to be encouraged in the playground and wider grounds.

\* Sports council is raised money for play equipment.

\* WFEG has offered to help develop the area behind the EY garden.

\* SS has offered to consult with pupils and staff to produce a plan for further garden and grounds development.

Next Meeting: Thursday 28th February 2019, 2pm

Agenda to include:

\* Uniform

\* The giving out of sweets in school (by school or parents)