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Parent Council Meeting

Minutes

Attending: Nichola Leeson (Headteacher), Emma Jakeman (Deputy), Della Ship-ton, Liz Wood, Rachel Watts (PTA), Claire Woodall (PTA), Rachel Matthews, Kate Sedgley, Diana Edgar, Helen Fone (Chair of PC)

Welcome and introductions - All

- We were delighted to welcome 6 new members to the Parent Council today! Thank you to all our newest volunteers, we look forward to working together!
- NL revisited the role of the PC: An advisory / discussion forum, not a forum for airing complaints, opportunity to share parent perspective and school perspective, a means of communication with wider parents.

Increasing Challenge - Mrs Jakeman and 2 representative from School Council

- Pupils presented the work the school and Pupil Council have done towards this School Improvement Plan priority.
- They held a meeting with staff to discuss and agree what challenge meant and how this looks in classes. They identified 6 statements; to encompass what challenge means at Whittington.

At Whittington, teachers challenge us by:

- ❖ Asking us questions to make us think broader and deeper
- ❖ Checking we can remember our previous learning

- ❖ Encouraging us to work on our own
 - ❖ Giving us tasks to show that we can apply our learning in different ways
 - ❖ Asking us to support each other with our learning
 - ❖ Giving us our next steps to help us progress
- Pupil Council members worked with the school office to design a poster showing what challenge is. They then presented this in assembly and asked pupils to reflect on how they are challenged in class.
 - This project aims to change the culture and understanding of what challenge is - enabling all pupils to recognise the ways in which they are being challenged.

After School Clubs

- Mrs Jakeman surveyed all pupils to see what involvement they had in clubs at school. She spoke to individuals who are not currently involved in clubs to see why they were not involved and support involvement if it was wanted.
- Many new clubs have been started this year, most run by pupils themselves with supervising adults. These include: Coding (Yr5 running for Yr3), Chess (Yr 6 running for Yr5/6), Recorders (Yr4), Art (Yr4),
- School identified that there is a gap currently in KS1 clubs.
- PC discussed ways parents might support running clubs.
- NL has information from a company who provide a variety of After School clubs.

Parent Communication

- We ran out of time in the meeting to address this issue. It will become the first item on the agenda for the next meeting.

Future Agenda issues:

- How to improve Parent Council - Parent communication
- Sports and Sports Funding/PE/Competitions

Next Meeting: Thursday 23rd March 2pm

Secretary next meeting: Rachel Matthews