

**St Luke's C. of E. Primary School Parent Council  
Minutes of the Meeting held 03/12/20**

**Attending:**

**Staff:**

Dan Bates (Deputy Headteacher & SENDCo) Sarah Kadar (KS1 Leader & RSE Coordinator)  
Clare Walsh (Nursery Teacher & PSHE Coordinator) Hannah Jones (School Secretary)

**Parents:**

(Class rep Yr R) Hannah J	(Line 19 parent Yr R)
(Class rep Yr 1)	(Line 19 parent Yr 1)
(Class rep Yr 2) Sarah G	(Line 19 parent Yr 2)
(Class rep Yr 3L) Alex A	(Line 19 parent Yr 3L)
(Class rep Yr 3K) Ruth S	(Line 19 parent Yr 3K)
(Class rep Yr 4)	(Line 19 parent Yr 4)
(Class rep Yr 5A)	(Line 19 parent Yr 5A)
(Class rep Yr 5D) Nathalia I	(Line 19 parent Yr 5D)
(Class rep Yr 6)	(Line 19 parent Yr 6)

**Agenda:**

1. Agree terms of reference
2. Matters arising from previous meeting 6th December 2019
3. Relationship and Sex Education, RSE, changes to the curriculum - Sarah Kadar RSE Leader
4. Feedback from the remote parent teacher interviews
5. Birthday sweets
6. Frequently asked questions section for the website - Parental suggestions
7. Agree dates for meetings 2 (Spring) Thursday 18 th March 2021 and 3 (Summer)
8. A.O.B

**1. WELCOME & INTRODUCTION**

- 1.1.** Mr Bates welcomed the parents to the Parent Council meeting.
- 1.2.** DB explained the terms of reference for the parent council. Parent council is a way of giving a parent voice, especially in these times where parents are not in school so much, for constructive feedback.

**2. MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETING**

The last meeting was on 6<sup>th</sup> December 2019. There is nothing coming out of the last meeting as it was the first meeting of the year: so many things are in limbo due to Covid.

**3. RELATIONSHIP AND SEX EDUCATION CHANGES TO CURRICULUM - Sarah Kadar RSE Leader**

SK introduced changes to the RSE (Relationships and Sex Education) curriculum starting in the Summer term 2021. See the presentation listed with these minutes.

Health education is compulsory: there is a legal requirement to meet with regards the science curriculum and equality act. Jigsaw is a whole school programme, underpinned by mindfulness. The aim is to have happy, healthy, safe children. It will challenge attitudes, develop confidence in talking and listening, teach the children to protect themselves and know where to seek help.

Questions raised:

Will more communication about this go out to parents?

Yes, some information has already gone out and more to follow and there will be full information on the website also.

Will there be a focus on marriage specifically or will LGBTQ+ and other family situations be included?

SK clarifies that the teaching material is very inclusive and although not specifically teaching on these family situations, all family settings are used within the images and language. The focus is on any type of relationship as long as it is equal and healthy.

**Action:** Put RSE on the website to allow parents access to more information.

The presentation link was sent out in the newsletter on the 4th December 2020 and the link is on the website.

<https://www.stlukes.kingston.sch.uk/attachments/download.asp?file=516&type=pdf>

#### 4. FEEDBACK FROM PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS

- Generally very positive, a few sound issues.
- Only main issue was for two parents in different locations not able to join. DB highlighted it was outside the scope of the system to allow multiple people to join: this facility should be in place by the March Parents' Evening.
- Parents missed not seeing the childrens books. DB suggested photocopies of selected pieces of work could be sent home.
- The interface with the Google system when using Apple devices was difficult. Perhaps some more troubleshooting advice could be flagged up on the website.
- DB highlighted that it was all very new to the school and with no dedicated IT support it was all a learning curve but lots of work had been done over the last six months to connect with parents online.

#### 5. BIRTHDAY SWEETS

- This has previously been raised but it is being revisited in light of Covid.
- Mr Dutton would like to stop birthday sweets in favour of a donation of a book to the school library. It also doesn't send the right message as a healthy school to be giving out sweets.
- Some conflicted feelings among the parents. Sweets can be a part of a healthy diet and the person giving them derives a lot of pleasure from the giving.
- Suggestion was made that an inscription be made in the books given 'Presented to the school by XXX on the occasion of their Xth Birthday'
- Birthdays need a way of being marked to still make the child feel special.
- A further suggestion was made that during worship the birthday children could stand with their books and be given a round of applause or sung Happy Birthday.

**Action:** Mr Dutton to send a message to parents at the start of the new year, Spring 1 2021 to highlight the new policy. Also parent mail about birthdays this week

## 6. FAQ ON THE WEBSITE

A question was asked of the parents to think about any questions that could be put in an FAQ section of the website.

**Action:** Class reps to ask their class parents for any ideas.

Mr Bates to place this onto the agenda for the next meeting

## 7. DATES FOR NEXT MEETINGS

Date for second meeting, pencilled in for **Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> March**. For the Summer term it was felt earlier might be better to have time to action anything raised, date to be set before half term.

**Action:**

Summer term meeting set for 20th May 2021, email was to the parent council on 4th December 2020 confirming this.

## 8. A.O.B.

- Sports Day - can KS2 children be dropped directly to Kingsmeadow?

**Action:**

Mr Bates to discuss with Mr Dutton and staff to discuss feasibility of doing this. - 25th June 2021. This event will only go ahead subject to Covid regulations, and it is unlikely that parents will be allowed to attend. Yes in theory, this will be possible, school will need to know in advance what parents want to do so we will need parents to complete a Google form on how their child will get to Kingsmeadow. We do not want to encourage car sharing due to Covid.

- One Parent mentioned there was equipment stored between the back wall of the music room and the fence. Could this be removed as it looks unsightly from the alley.

**Action:**

Mr Boughton will remove this over the Christmas period when the school has a skip on site. It is very tight between the fence and the classroom, Mr FW and Mr Boughton removed what they could.

- Could it be made clear that no one uses the staff car park entrance as a turning space and not park on the yellow zig zags. Just a periodic reminder as it has got quite bad at the moment.

**Action:**

A polite reminder was placed in the newsletter on 11.12.20

- Remote learning - is there a point person for troubleshooting at the start of these times?
  - Wonde makes the logging in easier but it is best accessed via Google Chrome on all devices.
  - Wonde is available at all times so parents can log in and get it organised. KS2 and some KS1 classes have been taught in lessons how to access their Wonde accounts.

**Action:** Hopefully, the Wonde system was put to the test during Lockdown 3.0 and worked quite well.

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High expectations by all, for all, reflecting the example of Jesus

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