

<p>Q – Will the group focus on the admission of school children and then broaden out to the wider issues? Yes Discussion around previous consultations and how will this move forward.</p> <p>School Counsellor</p> <p>Q - What were the recommendations from LWB / P&T sub groups? Can't report back as the minutes are still only in draft stage.</p> <p>Q - Is it a definite no? Yes, at the moment the school cannot afford to employ any new staff. The current budget is looking to make considerable savings.</p> <p>Q - Are there other things that may not happen due to the budget restrictions? Yes</p> <p>Q - Is it possible to look at other sources of funding for a School Counsellor? There is a consultation happening about CAMS services in schools and it is for the staff, via the Headteacher, to be involved in this. DM – we are not talking about vast sums of money. The cost generated would be more than offset by the benefits to the student of the school. JB - That is a good argument – the leadership team of the school need to make a case that this is needed as a service to meet the needs of these students and how it will be paid for. Do the staff need to approach the SLT again to make this case? Yes It is not recommended practice to take money from reserves to pay for staffing costs. Discussion around the need for this service, potential costs and potential for fundraising. A clear need should be demonstrated. It is most likely that this would be a commissioned service rather than a permanent member of staff. Fundraising for this service to be explored and other alternative funding streams. The Forum would be raising money for a service rather than necessarily an employee. CF feels that there is excellent pastoral care at the school. We have regular performance reviews and safeguarding plans. There are skills in the school to provide mentoring, dealing with stress related issues etc. There is off site counselling which the school will allow students to access. It is important to keep a focus on education The original request to the forum was that we would be able to offer the kind of support within school that students are accessing outside schools with organisations like Off The Record etc.</p>	<p>admissions group meeting</p> <p>All constituencies to look into alternate funding streams. Present at next forum meeting</p> <p>Staff reps to present case to SLT</p>
<p>5 Proposal from Governors – FGB / Forum Relationship</p> <p>Information was circulated before the meeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Report from governors b) FGB/forum working relationship c) Planned works for the year <p>Discussions from a): Depending on the election results, it is possible that all schools will be made to convert to academies and may not be able to exist as standalone</p>	

<p>academies. We may be approached by other schools wanting to work with us formally.</p> <p>Consideration of how the Forum works needs to take account of potential developments.</p> <p>b) The proposal would provide a formal structure for communication between the Forum and Governors.</p> <p>Forum members could be voluntary members of committees and would communicate with the Chair and agreed what will be fed back to the Forum. There is a structure in committees that allows for people to leave the meeting if there are sensitive areas.</p> <p>Could be a formal member of the committee which would allow them to have a vote.</p> <p>Why would this be better than seeing the minutes? This would shorten the process as minutes go to FGB then back to committees to be approved.</p> <p>The aim would be to have a vote on this proposal at the next meeting. Governors would be happy to leave the room for this.</p>	<p>To be discussed at constituency groups, with a view to vote at the next meeting.</p>
<p>6 Key updates on issues from constituency groups</p> <p>Minutes from constituency group meetings were circulated in advance.</p>	
<p>Community</p>	
<p>NC gave a brief update.</p> <p>Local Neighbourhood Partnership (LNP) – have been exploring making links with young people. Suggested LNP use Cotham as a pilot for involving students.</p> <p>LNP feel that Cotham as a school would need to represent all of the schools in the area, which is not practicable.</p> <p>They have a plan to have a representative young person to sit on the partnership and to meet with a sub-group of young people. Cotham students would be welcome to be involved in this.</p>	
<p>Parents</p>	
<p>Many issues are on the agenda – such as the enrichment fund and the website.</p> <p>A parent has been working with the PE Dept. Discussed some ideas about providing extra funding for sports after school etc. Feedback from staff has been positive.</p> <p>Modern Foreign Languages – fact finding meeting arranged for 1 June.</p> <p>Three issues came out of a parent consultation – sports provision, some issues around homework and the lack of choices in languages.</p> <p>BC is arranging to meet with the school to discuss homework.</p> <p>MW has asked that all requests to meet staff come through him to manage the impact on workloads and make sure the right people are involved.</p>	
<p>Staff</p>	
<p>Discussed enrichment fund.</p>	

Students	
Minutes from last meeting with MW will be circulated next week.	
Alumni	
<p>There has not been a constituency meeting. Update: This is planned for June 16th at 7pm with elections the week of June 29th</p> <p>Alumni are coming into school for another Build My Future programme and to speak to Year 13 to encourage them to sign up to the constituency.</p>	
<p>7 Enrichment Fund Money</p> <p>The fund was set up to provide the school with additional items that could not otherwise be funded.</p> <p>The number of people contributing to the fund has been dropping in recent years. Decision was taken by the trustees to wind up the fund.</p> <p>Legal advice is that the Forum cannot take over the fund as it would breach the original trust deeds.</p> <p>There is a meeting planned for the end of June to shut down the fund and decide how the money will be spent.</p> <p>Staff reps would like the forum to broker spending decisions.</p> <p>Q - How much money were the remaining people generating per annum? It was deemed to not be enough to continue.</p> <p>The proposal is to allocate £2500 per year, £300 per bid for things that would benefit the students that would not be funding from normal school budgets. One example from parents would be an extracurricular sports activity which could be trialled to see if viable over a longer period of time</p> <p>Bids would come in to staff and the Forum would be asked to decide.</p> <p>Agreed by show of hands</p> <p>Discussion around the need for a fundraising strategy for the school. The enrichment fund has spent, in the last year, approx. £15,000 on extra-curricular activities such as Outdoor Education etc. Will need to think about how these things can be funded in the future.</p>	<p>Action:</p> <p>GHM to ask Enrichment fund for breakdown of past expenditure</p> <p>Constituency groups to consider fundraising for next forum meeting</p>
<p>8 Brief for school website</p> <p>Comments were circulated prior to the meeting.</p> <p>Discussion about the best way forward. Agreed to send the documents to the next Learning and Wellbeing Committee.</p> <p>The initial tidying up will still go ahead and is in progress.</p>	<p>GHM to send documents to CG</p>
<p>9 Jo Butler – Head Teacher from September</p> <p>Jo is planning two more visits to the school before the end of term and would be happy to meet with Forum members.</p> <p>Proposed to move the next meeting to 9 July at 5pm, to coincide with one of Jo's visits. UPDATE: this is now July 6th at 5pm</p>	<p>GHM to confirm this with Jo</p> <p>Constituencies to send questions by 26 June</p>
<p>10 Fiesta – June 20</p> <p>GHM distributed leaflets. Are looking for people to help out on the day.</p> <p>FB will be doing a push on getting alumni to come along.</p>	<p>Constituencies to continue to ask for support. KH has spread sheet.</p>

<p>It is the only day when the school is opened in this way and there has been a lot of work put into it - Please support it!</p>	
<p>11 AOB</p> <p>Asked for reflections on the meeting – felt this meeting had been more focussed and succinct.</p> <p>Any items for next agenda:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Questions for Jo Butler Fundraising strategy Structure and planning for future meetings 	

FORUM MEETINGS

These are the forum dates for the next Academic year. In the library.

- Monday July 6th - **5pm**.