



Cotham Co-operative Academy Forum
 Tuesday 29 November 2016, 7-8.30pm
 Library

Minutes

Attendees:

Parent/Carer Reps: Penny Beeston, Emma Gibbins (EG), Simon Wilks (SW), Jo Eades (JE, Chair), Gareth Edmunds (GE).

Staff Reps: Abbie Allender (AA), Louise Arnold, Kerry Chester, Beth Aiken,

Community Reps: Ken Smith, Lynda Hay (LH)

Student Reps:

Alumni Reps:

School Governors: Jim Bowyer (JBo)

Also present: Leanne Sowersby (Clerk)

Apologies: Jeremy Birch (JBi), Jo Butler (Headteacher - JBu), Becky Chapman (BC), Nancy Cobblestone (NC), Mukhtar Ali, Sharon Spink, Henrietta Wilson, Valerie Aspin

		Action
1	Welcome to all and apologies - JE welcomed everyone. Everyone introduced themselves.	
	<p>There is no agenda or pre-agreed chair for tonight. JE has volunteered to Chair this evening. Will need to look at how support will work in the future.</p> <p>Discussion around how things can be done in future and possibly re-launching the Forum. It is important to consider how students' voices can be heard appropriately.</p> <p>Feeling that much of the parent engagement in the MAT consultation was linked to the Forum. Need a wider spread of Community Reps.</p>	
	<p>Minutes from last meeting - Agreed as correct.</p> <p>The working group did get together and sent a response to the MAT consultation. This was published on the Forum area of the website. LH to resend.</p> <p>LS confirmed that the MAT consultation report will be published.</p> <p>Parents' group felt that there were a number of questions outstanding:</p> <p>Has the changing political landscape changed the decision in relation to the MAT? What is the current / ongoing relationship with Prima? What will a Cooperative model look like in terms, particularly, of stakeholder engagement? What are the timescales? What other schools have been approached? Offer from Forum to work with school on developing this. The LA has also offered help on this. Discussion about the changing landscape</p>	LH

	<p>Constituency Updates</p> <p>Community Constituency have not met.</p> <p>Staff Constituency. Are struggling to generate feedback from staff – not really using them as reps. Tend to use Union reps for work-based issues. Not sure what the role of staff reps needs to be. Not all reps attend meetings etc. There are often avenues for staff issues aside from the Forum.</p> <p>Discussion around what the role of reps and of the Forum and possible areas staff could input. Has been useful to have staff input into issues like communication and the website.</p> <p>Further discussion around the potential future working of the Forum.</p> <p>Alumni – JBi sent by e-mail</p> <p>1) Co-fund - made 1 grant (to performing arts for the Young Directors project which runs each year and needed ~ £500 to run this year). Need someone on the staff to make sure the fund is made visible to the students and start of next term again, plus representatives of Students and Community to eyeball the applications (alumni and staff seem to be covered for the moment)</p> <p>2) Attended David Lloyd's funeral - several ex-teachers there (Mike Jefferies- English, Mike Slattery - History, Mr Hughes - Maths) along with 8 former alumni, but no current member of staff that I could see, a bit of a shame really as it was held after school hours...</p> <p>3) Contributed to the drafting of the MAT response - hopefully now we will have a proper conversation about the direction the school will take (and even whether being part of a MAT is necessary, or the best way to deliver outcomes for students)</p> <p>An e-mail was sent to all staff about the funeral.</p> <p>Co-fund - LA and AA can coordinate getting information to tutor groups and generating ideas etc. LA can organise a student rep.</p> <p>Need to consider the representativeness and membership of Community Constituency.</p> <p>Need some explanation of what the Coop is and how the Forum will communicate with the wider membership.</p>	AA/LA
2	<p>MAT Discussion</p> <p>Jim Bowyer was unable to attend at the last minute.</p> <p>JE to e-mail round questions for JBo, then forward to him.</p>	JE
	<p>Need to revisit and progress the Fundraising Strategy. Discussion around how to move this forward and some of the issues relating to this. Needs input from the school.</p> <p>EG is also in process of developing a training tool that might be useful.</p> <p>To bring back to the next meeting.</p>	
	<p>EG will Chair the next meeting.</p>	

FORUM MEETINGS

Wednesday 25 January 2017

Tuesday 14 March 2017

Thursday 18 May 2017

Thursday 29 June 2017