

William Austin Junior School

Title of Meeting: Family Forum

Date of Meeting: 16.6.2016



Minutes taken by:	Jackie Slater
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Apologies: n/a	
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Present:
Mrs Adams, Head Teacher
Mrs Parkar, Deputy Head
Ms Slater, FW Team Leader
Mrs Akhtar, FW
Mrs Pal, FW
8 families represented

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	Time meeting opened: 9.00am	
1.	Welcome and Introduction Mrs Adams thanked parents for taking the time to attend and how nice it was to see more parents and in particular a 'Dad' attending. Mrs Slater introduced herself and briefly explained her role to parents encouraging them to 'drop' in should they have any concerns or are needing support.	
2.	Learning Log A parent wanted support with learning log as her daughter was receiving 'green' however mum felt she could achieve more. The parent also stated her daughter is upset as she never gets a 'Wizard or homework award'. The parent also asked if she could have support to help her child with her handwriting and if it was possible for additional handwriting clubs/workshops	Mrs Adams explained that getting a green is excellent, her daughter is doing very well. Mrs Adams explained the difference between the awards. The Wizard award is for work completed in class and the other is awarded for work completed at home. Family workers offered mum support with regards to learning log. Mrs Adams explained that each class have one lesson per week on handwriting. Children with good handwriting are given a pen licence. Mum could speak with class teacher to receive additional handwriting worksheets to take home.
3.	Ofsted Report	

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	<p>Mrs Adams shared with parents the outcome of the report as being “good” and how proud she was with all the hard work completed to get this result. Mrs Adams thanked parents for their continued support.</p>	
4.	<p>Clacton Trip</p> <p>Family Workers informed parents about the proposed trip giving dates and prices and also encouraged parents to read the newsletter as it would provide more details.</p>	
5.	<p>Attendance Awards</p> <p>A parent expressed concerns about this as she has twin sons in different classes. Whilst both sons have 96+% attendance only one child receives this award leaving the other child quite disheartened.</p>	<p>Mrs Adams commended the attendance of both children and explained this award was based on ‘Class Attendance’ rather than individual pupils.</p> <p>Mrs Adams and Mrs Parkar are going to review this award and look at how best to support the feelings of individual pupils who have high attendance.</p>
6.	<p>Clubs</p> <p>Parents are very happy with the level of after school clubs. Family Workers asked parents to think about what clubs they would like to see the Family Centre run for adults from September. One parent mentioned she previously attended a “Zumba” class at the centre and that it was fun and always busy.</p>	<p>Mrs Slater to investigate the possibility of running a Zumba class for parents.</p>
	<p>Summary:</p> <p>Both Mrs Adams and Mrs Parkar thanked parents for their input, ideas and time taken out of their day to attend the forum and for their continued support to both their children and the school. It would be lovely to see even more parents next time as their ideas are greatly valued and it is a marvellous opportunity for them to gain more insight into how our schools runs and make an impact on improvement.</p> <p>Parents expressed how pleased they were with the Ofsted outcome Overall parents are pleased with the school making particular reference to all sporting achievements. They voiced how proud they felt when supporting with a cricket match at another school, stating their children looked very smart in their sports kit and were well behaved showing respect for other teams.</p>	

Meeting closed at: 9.30am