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Parent Council Minutes

Thursday 22nd March @ 2pm

1. **Welcome and Apologies**

JH, LK, DH, RH, SB, TB, CB, CK, AS, JM (via email), JC (via email)

2. **Minutes of the last meeting 18th Jan 2018**

Minutes all agreed

3. **Traffic, parking**

Shared email sent via office regards speed on Park Lane, parking in school carpark.

Discussed 20mph sign for the road or other traffic calming initiatives- agreed costly to fund but possible to petition for. CB forwarded JH details of DCC highways contact to investigate. CB contacted KB who has made contact with JH via email. Also discussed possibility of getting a mobile speed camera on the road- JH is in contact with PCSO regards ongoing road and parking issues so will mention to him at meeting in April.

Discussed car parking and that some parents have private agreements with JH to collect from the staff carpark. If other parents are using JH will be vigilant, especially for ASC pick up.

It was a consensus that closing the Bramble Close gate has added to traffic congestion during collection time at the end of the day. A discussion resulted in JH agreeing the gate will be opened in the afternoons for collection only. DH volunteered to take responsibility for opening and locking the gate each afternoon. Notice will be shared with all parents via newsletter 29th March.

4. **Uniform update**

LK confirmed she would not be doing the uniform sale after July and DH/ SB offered to take over. Table top sale agreed for 23rd March for summer dresses and lost property. Last few sales have not raised much money so we agreed to monitor next couple of sales and discuss viability going into next academic year. New logo uniform sold only.

5. Funding

See completed funding sheet.

Various funding/ grants discussed for improvement projects around school. Money being raised for outdoor areas Inc. courtyard, canopies and forest school. Library funding is due which we have earmarked for laptops.

Donation via CB's family of 22 'nearly new' PCs. To make these complete units FSJ have agreed to fund several monitors, keyboards and storage racks for computers to be set up in Hedgehogs, Squirrels and Foxes class bases. Early calculations suggest this will be in the region of £750. JH and CB to liaise with final costings, CB to join JH and Academy IT on 23rd March to discuss final requirements.

JC sent an email regards Rotary club support for the courtyard area- JH to make contact.

Agreed further funding sought should be to fund laptops for KS2 and more iPads with the aim to achieve 30 iPads as a class set.

PA system bid to 2-bridges was turned down. FSJ agreed to fund- JH to pass on info to JD to order.

6. AOB

SB offered to put the basketball hoop up for sale/ free to good home. FSJ agreed to fund 2 new netball posts- JH to pass on info to JD to order.

Meeting closed 3pm.