

DUNNINGTON C.E. PRIMARY SCHOOL

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE PARENT SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PANEL  
HELD ON FRIDAY 21<sup>st</sup> JULY 2017 AT 9.00AM**

**Present:** Mrs C Hancy Mr S Parkinson  
Mrs Reid Mrs Rees-Gay  
Mrs R Calvert Mrs R Mountain  
Mrs M Scaife

**In attendance:** Mrs S Brandon

Agenda Item No.		Action By
1.	<p><b><u>Apologies for Absence</u></b></p> <p>Catherine Whitford</p>	
2.	<p><b><u>Minutes of 15<sup>th</sup> June 2016</u></b></p> <p>Playground table tops had been replaced and children are being kept off them. Gravel area still needs to be looked at and playground markings still being considered in association with PTA, as they are very expensive. CH advised that the playing surface at the back of the school would be extended in October if match funding bids were successful. Playtimes are becoming a problem due to lack of space and may need to consider staggering playtimes until larger playing surface is achieved. Closing of the main gates at start and finish of school has been successful. Still problems with the same people regarding parking and dogs. There was some discussion regarding problems with parking.</p>	
2.	<p><b><u>School Trips</u></b></p> <p>This had been mentioned at the last meeting and had also come up in ‘3 Stars and a Wish’.</p> <p>CH explained that trips need to link to a relevant topic and the trips that have taken place this academic year were discussed. CH agreed staff would look into what else might be available for Y3/4. MS reported that many parents were questioning the choice of Boggle Hole for the Y6 residential and had felt very let down by the visit this year. Everyone had loved the Low Mill trip in Year 5 but felt that the Y6 trip hadn’t been as successful or enjoyable. CH explained that the Low Mill trip was all about sport and the outdoor activities, whereas the Boggle Hole focus is geographical, however it was acknowledged that this year had not been as good as the previous year.</p> <p>Boggle Hole has to be booked a long time in advance and has already been booked for 2018 and a deposit paid. Staff would work towards trying to make Boggle Hole a better experience in 2018. Staff would potentially be looking for somewhere else for 2019. MS also said that Y6 parents had not liked the trip being over a weekend. YHA needs to be booked even further in advance to avoid being over a weekend.</p>	School staff

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3.	<p><b><u>School Uniform Ordering</u></b></p> <p>The new system which has been introduced this year was reported to be popular with parents.</p>	
4.	<p><b><u>Parentpay</u></b></p> <p>Parents still wanted to be able to pay for more things on ParentPay. This is still to be set up and payment items such as trips will be added in the autumn term. This was also a 'wish' that came out of 3 Stars and a Wish.</p>	SB
5.	<p><b><u>E-Safety</u></b></p> <p>CH advised that PCSOs would be coming in to talk to the children.</p>	CH
6.	<p><b><u>Sport</u></b></p> <p>'Golden Mile' was queried. CH explained that classes had not been doing the 'Golden Mile', but had taken part in 'Fit for 5' instead, which the children had really enjoyed.</p>	
7.	<p><b><u>3 Stars and a Wish</u></b></p> <p>CH explained how the responses to this would be used to shape and develop the School Improvement Plan. CH had received 50 responses to the survey and provided a summary showing the topics raised. She went through the items on the list, explaining various points, such as how the green and purple pen for marking and pupil editing are used.</p> <p>Parents appreciated the choice of extra-curricular clubs provided.</p> <p>Items raised as 'wishes' included communication. Parents felt they were 'bombarded' with e-mails. A weekly newsletter was suggested, which would include information and messages from all staff.. CH agreed to introduce this in September.</p> <p>'Wishes' also included a request for more male teachers. CH explained that she had arranged for sports coach Dave Scoreby to teach weekly games sessions with Years 2 – 6. He will also manage the school football team and run various fitness clubs. Derek Bailey, who is also an experienced games teacher will also be starting in the autumn term, running various sports clubs. Parent consensus was that the quality of staff was more important than gender.</p> <p>Free fruit for infants was mentioned. Parents asked that raisins should not be included in this. CH agreed to check and stop if necessary.</p> <p>Homework was also an issue raised as a 'wish'. CH advised that this had been looked at by the PSIP before, but agreed to send copies of the homework policy to the panel and then discuss it again at the next meeting.</p> <p>There was some discussion of opinions around homework.</p> <p>Parents reported some confusion around 'MyMaths' involving a mix up with the American site.</p> <p>School photographs were also raised – some parents had complaints about these, particularly the class photographs, including children looking in the wrong direction and pulling faces. It was agreed to go back to having a member of staff present, as well as the photographer and her assistant.</p>	<p>CH</p> <p>CH</p> <p>CH</p> <p>SB</p>

