

Ramsgate Free School Parent Rep Meeting, 5.30-6.35pm, Monday 18 April 2016

Present – Stacey Abbott, Graeme Rolbiecki, Abigail Holden, Emma Jackson, Portia Sharpin, Aimee Trevelyan, Nathan Weavill (Governor), Nick Budge (Head of School), Cheryl Southern (Extended Schools)

Notes also sent to Heather Burke, Sabrina Littlewood, Jordan Nicolson, Helen Sears-Stewart, Agnes Simon

Apologies received from Jordan Nicolson and Agnes Simon, Agnes can no longer attend due to work but would like to be kept informed and be involved where possible. Heather cannot attend Mondays either so Parents suggested we alternate the day of the week and time of meeting held.

Parents appreciated the opportunity for more information and the invitation to discuss any concerns.

Nathan Weavill introduced as a Governor.

Actions reviewed

Make comments box for parents Establish if employer has surplus wood that could be recycled for seating/planters	Luke/Sabrina to update at next meeting
Notice outside classrooms prior to next meeting was an effective reminder to all	Prior to meetings
List of Parent Reps and their children near classroom entrance	Displayed in windows
Approach local companies/supermarkets/garden centres for funding towards RFS landscaping.	Jordan to update at next meeting
List of Parent Reps with associated Years in next Ramsgate Free School newsletter	Displayed on website
When meeting landscaper – ask for best prices for standard trees + and ask if they access grants (eg work with Woodland Trust scheme)	Now have time to plan and fundraise for further landscaping
Thanet Coast seashore safari resources passed to RFS	✓
Open family event in summer holiday eg Nature Walk or beach event – meet up in the Park (Treasure Hunt or Nature Walk) or beach (seashore safari or beach art)	Term 6

School Location 2016-2017

Planning (due to be submitted in January) was delayed due to reasons beyond RFS's control.

Contractor, McAvoy's and Education Funding Agency have now come to a Funding agreement that enables the contractor to meet the EFA's specifications. Planning now to be submitted in May which raised 3 options for September.

Option 1 – Move to new school site.

Concerns discussed of children being on a building site and this not being conducive to learning. It was agreed that this would also make it more difficult to recruit new students to a building site.

Option 2 – Move to Upton, Broadstairs

RFS community moves to Broadstairs – more space and use of facilities.

Concerns of moving a Ramsgate Community to Broadstairs then back again, transport concerns

Option 3 – Stay at Chilton Primary

1 form intake with new Yr R and Yr 1 in existing mobile.

With small numbers, Years 3 & 4 to share an additional classroom (EFA to fund redecoration in keeping with rest of RFS). Current Year R TA is a qualified Teacher who could support the Yr 3 & 4 Teacher

Parent Reps discussed the options and agreed that Option 3 was the best option – stability for the children and better learning environment. Best option for children, families and school.

Extra-Curricular

School found that children are interested in and enjoy art, drama, music and design – subjects also good for building confidence and creativity. School plans to keep them in the KS2 Co-Curriculum, 2-4pm.

School keen for R & KS1 to have opportunity to enjoy these subjects for 1 hour in the afternoon.

Parent Reps questioned whether this would dilute the key skills – English, Maths etc?

Reading, Writing and Maths will always be essential and never diluted. The timetable and school day allows for this 'Arts' extra hour.

Once on the new site, there will be extra rooms due to the smaller intake for 2016-17. These could be dance studios, art rooms....

Churchill Lollipop

Parent Rep nominated school for Churchill Lollipop <https://www.churchill.com/lollipoppers>

Fundraising

Parents keen to raise extra money for landscaping of new site and now have time to fundraise.

Parents happy to meet shortfall once costs known – suggesting a simple letter asking for donation or sponsor a tree.

Once update received from Jordan (asking companies for sponsorship/donations) – ask Round Table, Chamber of Commerce, Local Councillors for donations too?

Lots of fundraising ideas shared, now with time to implement – raffle, Quiz nights, Film night (for children or families).

Parents seem to be getting on well and all parents represented socially on Facebook so easy to communicate.

Chilton PTFA have offered a 'school stall run by parents from their own ideas' at their Summer Fair – Saturday 9 July. Money raised to start RFS PTFA account.

Portia and Emma keen to have a stall and start fundraising – to attend next relevant Chilton PTFA meeting to progress. Cheryl to pass Emma and Portia's details to PTFA representative.

Summary of meeting for school newsletter

Portia to write a Parent Rep update for next school newsletter

AOB

Last day of school year

Parents were asked if they would like a family event on the last day of school

Parents would really value a family event to bring the school community together.

Furthermore, the existing Year R would like to meet the new intake at the new intake picnic.

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Open family event in summer holiday eg Nature Walk or beach event – meet up in the Park (Treasure Hunt or Nature Walk) or beach (seashore safari)	Term 6	Parent Reps	Invites via Facebook
Family event at the end of school year to bring the school community together		Nick	
Existing Year R to meet new intake at new intake picnic		Nick	
Update of this meeting for the next school newsletter		Portia	
Portia and Emma keen to have a stall at Chilton’s Summer Fair– to attend next relevant meeting. Pass Emma and Portia’s details to Hannah Whitworth (Acting DHT).		Cheryl	

Next Parent Rep meeting of RFS and Chilton Primary - 6pm, Tuesday 14 June 2016

Agenda to include

Update on Multi Trust Academy Structure

Plans for RFS location for September 2016

Trustee to be invited to share what they do, how they work and how Parent Reps can best support them