

MONDAY 1st OCTOBER 2018 @ 6:30pm
GREENWOOD ACADEMY
PARENT COUNCIL OPEN DOOR EVENT

Present from Parent Council

C McGuire - Head Teacher, C le Maitre – Chairperson, S Johnson , L McDade, Mrs Rose
C McKinlay – Secretary

Welcome and Purpose of Parent Council

Parent Council members and some senior pupils welcomed approximately 50 Parents/carers and families to this Open Door Event.

C Le Maitre welcomed all and explained the purpose of our Parent Council and the meetings they hold throughout the year. She explained where the Parent Council sits locally and nationally and the topics and decisions made and discussed at our informal meetings. She encouraged all present to get involved and to leave their email addresses so that they can be added to her mailing list.

Pupils and staff were available to talk informally to parents/carers at the interesting and informative stalls.

C Le Maitre to send email distribution list to C McKinlay so that new email addresses can be added.

Action: C Le Maitre

Questions

The following questions were posted up in the room and feedback from Parents gathered:

What can we do to make it more likely you would come to some of our Meetings?

- Childcare
- Make it extremely flexible. Even use Skype to link in to meetings. Promote low pressure/workload. Everyone avoids it as they think lots of work.

Suggestions for a new name for Parent Council:

- Friends of Greenwood Academy

What can you do for the Parent Council?

- Be involved as a Committee Member

What would you like discussed at Meetings?

- What's happening in School ie Clubs, opportunities etc
- Information on School's approach to information and digital literacy
- Information on role of the Guidance Teacher and relationship to pupil development

What can your Parent Council do for you?

- A second Parents' Evening for S1-S3 pupils. The gap between Parents' evening and rest of school year is too great. (2 people agreed to this comment)
- Initiatives to encourage a positive learning culture for S1-S3 boys. Help make it "cool" to be clever.
- Meeting for Parents now children have moved from Primary to Secondary School
- Parents tour of building
- Parents gathering to get used to culture

Date and Time of Next Meeting – Monday 5th November