

Academy Council Meeting Minutes

Thursday 11th March, 2021

Present: Claire Willis (Principal), Becky Blackman (Assistant Principal)

Council members: Jo Brown, Louise Leah

Parent/Carers x 8

Apologies: Dave Hughes (Link Director), Abdelkadeur Ameer (Council member), Jose De Sousa (Council Member)

Item		Action
1.	<p>Introduction: CW introduced the academy council as a parent/carer friendly environment, where the voices of parents/carers will be heard and addressed. This will also be an opportunity for parents/carers to have their input on the school improvements and be part of the celebrations.</p>	
2.	<p>How has the school coped during lockdown?</p>	
	<p>CW gave an update on how the school coped during lockdown. We had 105 critical worker and vulnerable children on site, which was 29% of our entire cohort. They accessed the same lessons as the children working from home.</p> <p>We provided 283 devices (to 77% of the school cohort) so that pupils could access their remote learning. CW stated that these children could keep the devices at home for the time being.</p> <p>CW gave an update on curriculum provision. Pupils were registered 'live' every morning and afternoon. They received one hour of live English (Phonics or Literacy and Language), maths and reading. Pupils received one hour of geography, science, PSHE, PE, music, history and art every week.</p> <p>1:1 interventions were created for children with</p>	



	<p>Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND), or those identified as needing additional support.</p> <p>CW gave an update on the provision for the mental health and wellbeing for Murrayfield pupils, with regular 1:1 wishes and feelings work, 1:1 intervention with Emotional Literacy Support staff, positive mental health week using SHINE and weekly whole school assemblies sharing positive work.</p>	
3.	Plans for the present - July 2021	
	<p>We have three main foci:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Quality of teaching, learning and assessment.2. Broaden pupil's experiences and community links.3. High expectations. <p>CW explained that these foci have always been intrinsic to our work at Murrayfield, but that we wanted to ensure a relentless focus in driving our achievements forward.</p>	
4.	Questions/comments from parents	
5.	<p>JP asked about year 6 transition to high school. JB reassured parents that Ipswich Academy's preparation for year 6 transition was smooth. BB added that year 6 transition is being planned and organised.</p> <p>LL asked about SRE and if parents would be informed prior to lessons being taught. CW reassured parents that she will communicate with them prior to lessons around SRE being taught.</p>	<p>High Schools are currently meeting Becky Blackman, year 6 lead, on transition and we should have a clear plan soon on what this looks like.</p> <p>Year 5 will be the first group to access the SRE curriculum this term. A message was included in our spring term newsletter and a parent mail has been sent out to year 5 parents/carers inviting them to contact Claire for further details on the content of this programme of study.</p>