

SwanComm minutes for meeting - Monday 3rd Feb 2020, 7.30-9.00pm

Present - Kay Wood, Shelley Williamson, Hemara Earl (until 8pm), Naomi Winniffrith, Maria Hepworth, Ester Yadgar, Russell Porter, Matt Gretton-Dann, Amber Hatch, Shelley Joyce, Souhil-Zakaria Medeghri, Clare Thomas

The Terms of reference were agreed with an annual review each January. A page to be created on the school website for SwanComm and no need for info to be included on school notice boards.

Disco/Mince pie event

General consensus was both events were a great success. Amber commented on the wonderful interaction between the staff and students on the night. There was concern over what was perceived to be a lack of supervision of the children by SwanComm and special mention and thanks were given to Mr MacNaughton for filling that gap. It was felt more consideration must be given to rules/boundaries for any future events e.g. whether the children should have been allowed to leave the rugby club and stand outside during the event and what happens at the end of the event i.e whether students are collected by a parent, need to be signed out etc.

Matt expressed thanks to Amber for all the effort she put into organising the event.

Classlist

95 students are currently represented on Classlist with either one or two parents. Discussion was had on how to increase the uptake. Hemara said her experience of Classlist showed when an event/major news item was emailed out on Classlist, this encouraged those not yet signed up to join in order to join in the event/conversation. It was agreed that class ambassadors would start conversations in Classlist in an attempt to engage others on the basis that the more it is used, the more numbers will grow.

Class Ambassadors are to define their role and send a message out to their tutor group introducing themselves and explaining their role.

Naomi will use Classlist to introduce herself as a governor to parents/carers

Naomi to set up a "Buddying" group

Naomi mentioned the Swan Travel Action Plan, which meets to discuss sustainable travel e.g. creating maps for cycling routes to school. She will get more information and share on Classlist

Kay mentioned we shall be sending out a consultation regarding potential changes to the school day later in the term and Classlist could be a useful vehicle to do this and receive feedback.

It was suggested that members of the SwanComm committee attend the new childrens' garden party to chat with future parents/carers about SwanComm and Classlist.

Next Steps

Class Ambassadors & Naomi - will send out introductions to their tutor groups on Classlist

Elections were held for the Chair, Treasurer and Secretary roles.

The following were voted in:

Co/chair

Amber Hatch - nominated by Naomi Winniffrith

Seconded by Ester Yadgar

Unanimously voted in

Co/chair

Matt Gretton-Dann - nominated by Clare Thomas

Seconded by Shelley Joyce

Unanimously voted in

Treasurer

Clare Thomas - nominated by Amber Hatch

Seconded by Naomi Winniffrith

Unanimously voted in

No one stood for the post of Secretary .

What next?

Shelley J & Clare to set up Easyfunding once a bank account has been opened

Ester volunteered to research events/competitions that happen within the city that we could get involved with e.g the Oxford Christmas Lights Festival

International evening to be held on 25th March - families invited to come together and share their national costumes, food, music and culture in general. Matt & Amber to set up a sub committee to organise.

Class Ambassadors to arrange a pub evening with their tutor groups.

Kay to speak with Galliford Try about organising tours for parents/carers around the new site

Other events suggested to be discussed further:

Quiz night

Talent show

Enter a team of parents/carers in a 10k/fun run and donate any funds raised to SwanComm

Picnic in the Park with a game of rounders/cricket

Kay said any fundraising would be used to purchase outdoor seating for the students.

Date of next meeting - to be arranged. It was agreed to stick with Mondays.