

LEIGH TECHNOLOGY ACADEMY **PARENTS COUNCIL**

Minutes of meeting held on Monday 12th September 2011

Attendees:

Academy staff: Peter Finnegan – Principle Chaucer

Parents:

BRUNEL: Tracy Roblett, Linda King, Fiona Pearce, Mandy Kennedy

CHAUCER: Jacqueline Ellis, Sharon Coles, Glenda Philpott, Ann Burch,
Sandy Taylor, Michael & Luisa Holmes, Deborah Quinn

DA VINCI: - Karen Brooker.

DARWIN: - Lindsey Deakin, Graham Hatch, Caroylyn Mayhew, Emma Isidorou

Apologies: - several apologies

Minutes

1. Welcome and apologies

Tracy and Peter welcomed everyone to the meeting. There had been pre-meeting drinks and goodbyes and gifts for Chris Baker as she was leaving as Chairman and member of the school council. Everyone wishes Chris all the best for the future and thanks her for all the good work she did over the past few years.

ACTION ALL

2. Principal's Q & A

Peter Finnegan explained about the Principles questions and answers to new members. Peter Spoke of the excellent GCSE results of 94% students gaining A-C grade with 57% including Maths and English. These are the best ever results. A level results were also very good up on

previous years. The new year 7s have settled in well and the new 6th form students

A parent asked if we are still employing foreign teachers on one or two year contracts. PF said some but not too many have been employed, lower numbers than previous years and that the Academy is fully staffed. PF was asked about the Merit system that appears to have been dropped but is still in the journals. PF said he rewards his college students in many different ways, not just with merits. PF will forward the comments on to Brunel and the other colleges. **ACTION PF**

PF was asked about Y11 careers advice. He said there are several inputs given over the year including, career evenings, interviews starting in October and the Connexions team are available each week.

PF informed us that York Road is in the process of becoming under the Leigh trust-maybe January 2012. Milestone is almost on board, just a few details to complete. Wilmington Academy is doing really well also and has confirmed funding for the new school to be complete in 1-2 years. There were no more questions for PF and he left the meeting at 7.45pm.

3. Minutes of previous meeting - Agreed.

4. Parent Governor Update - Nothing had been received from the Parent Governor Dave Auty. It is presumed but not confirmed that his term has finished. A new parent governor will need to be elected. Frank Green will be asked the criteria required. **ACTION MH/FG**

5. General matters raised

Tracy Roblett reported that she had nothing to report on the 'recycling shop' as no progress seems to have been made. TR will contact Jill Hickman to find out the progress and ask when the flyers will be sent out to students and parents. **ACTION TR**

The issue of buses was raised with them not fitting in with the school day. There had been suggestions that students could share other school buses but these arrangements need to be made direct with the bus operator.

It was said that the Music lessons had not started and no timetable had been issued.

TR asked for nominations or offers for the position of new chairman for the school council. Michael Holmes was voted in with TR as Vice chairman.

ACTION MH/TR

Meeting closed 8.05pm

Date of next meeting Monday 7th November 2011.