

BAWB Parents' Forum
Minutes of Meeting held Thursday 17th November 2016
7pm
Askrigg School

Chair: Cathy Bergs

Minutes: Kath Alderson

Present: F Cartwright; M Cooper; K Hodgson

Apologies: H Dalton; C Madley; G Pickard-Sparne; M Cooper

Federation

- Some reassurance that good quality candidates had been appointed at West Burton; however as appointments were fixed term contracts what was the plan after July?
- Was there any indication as to when feasibility studies would be complete and decisions as to the structure of the schools be communicated to parents? Would the feasibility studies themselves be available to parents, or simply the findings?
- C Bergs has contacted Rishi Sunak, MP and Justine Greening, Education Secretary to invite them to a meeting to explain the fairer funding formula and what impact it may have on small rural schools such as BAWB. It would also be an opportunity for parents to share their concerns about the future of our schools. Rishi Sunak accepted the invitation (time permitting), Justine Greening declined.

Communication

- The newsletters are being printed in black and white and emailed to parents as per suggestions from the last forum.
- The texting service continues to be very well received and appreciated.
- It was felt the move to text and email for communicating to parents that schools may close, or not open, due to adverse weather was a good idea.

Next Meeting

7pm at Bainbridge School – Wednesday 15th February

AOB

- There were occasions e.g. remembrance service and Children in Need lunch when events overlapped at Askrigg and Bainbridge; this made it difficult for parents who had children taught at both sites. Would it be possible to consider having all the children on one site for events such as these?
- Was there any further move to have a BAWB PTFA? Kate Hodgson, co-chair of PTFA, explained that the recent coffee morning had been an attempt to bring parents together to start discussion; sadly no parents from West Burton had attended. It was suggested that the invitation had been too subtle. The next PTFA meeting will be advertised in the newsletter and will specifically invite parents from all three BAWB schools.
- Unfortunately only one family from West Burton had attended the Halloween disco as it clashed with a birthday party.
- Children sometimes have to wait on the school bus outside West Burton School until staff come out on duty – this appeared to happen even after 8:30am.

Meeting closed 7:35pm