

BAWB Parents' Forum  
Minutes of Meeting held Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> March 2017  
7pm  
Bainbridge School

Chair: Georgina Pickard-Sparne  
Minutes: Kath Alderson

Present: P Scott; C Bergs; H Dalton; H Hodgson; F Cartwright; M Cooper; A Cumpstone; C Reilly; K Hodgson; C Madley

Apologies: D Wood; K Jump

#### **Communication**

- A parent dropping children off at Bainbridge School questioned whether staff should be outside at 8:30am? The parent sometimes had to wait until 8:35am before they could leave their child.
- Parents were also concerned that bus drivers at West Burton were dropping children off early, before staff were outside on duty.
- Parents questioned the lack of information with regard to the future of the schools; they had hoped for some decision to have been made by now. Governors present said they shared parents' frustration that no information was available but said that discussions continued with the Local Authority.
- Could Miss Harper clarify the National Funding Formula, especially the effect it may have on BAWB?
- The attendance data on the newsletter was well received

#### **BAWB Fundraising Event**

- Discussion took place as to the possibility of a BAWB PTFA, perhaps with West Burton matching any existing funds in Askrigg and Bainbridge's account.
- Parents felt that PTFA events were sometimes advertised very close to the event – PTFA minutes are published on the school websites within two weeks of meetings and can be referred to at any time.
- A photoshoot was discussed as a fundraising event for BAWB. It was agreed that the first part of the planned PTFA meeting (3<sup>rd</sup> May) would be a good time to have a discussion re the joint event. The venue of the meeting will be confirmed.

#### **Next Meeting**

7pm at West Burton School – Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> May 2017

#### **AOB**

- The colour of gingham dresses (girls' alternative summer uniform) was discussed. The uniform policy states that dresses should be blue, however parents felt that as the BAWB logo has a red, green and yellow figure that different coloured dresses might be worn, with the BAWB sweatshirt / cardigan? Parents present felt that would be useful and asked that it be minuted for Miss Harper's opinion.
- It was disappointing that not all Y5/6 children had been encouraged to enter the spelling bee. Children didn't have a choice whether or not to go to cross country, could the same rule apply for academic events?
- There appears to have been a significant increase in the homework given to Y6 children – was this SATs preparation or because the class teacher at Askrigg had returned?
- Parents felt that homework is sporadic, and there wasn't a consistent approach in all classes. E.g. Maths isn't always given.
- There was a positive response to the new spellings format.
- House points were discussed, although one parent suggested that these points were possibly more of an issue for the parents than the children:
  1. Some children had 'given up' as their house never won
  2. Some parents were surprised that the children in all three schools were split across all three houses

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3. Inconsistency with awarding house points – some teachers give more than others
4. As children added their own house points to the tally – there was room for 'creative' recording – some children had picked up on this.
5. House points sometimes awarded for expected behaviour

- Celebration Assembly (specifically Askrigg and Bainbridge) – could teachers sometimes lead the assembly at the school where they don't teach? Parents liked the fact that certificates were elaborated on by the teacher, and by moving staff it would mean that an Askrigg KS1 child could receive their certificate from their class Teacher; similarly for a KS2 Bainbridge child.
- Parents had enjoyed the BAWB celebration assembly that had taken place on the last BAWB Day – could BAWB assemblies be held more frequently?
- West Burton parents felt the Wigton Moor visits were very worthwhile

**Meeting closed 7:55pm**