

City of Rochester School Parent Advisory Group Meeting Minutes

23rd April 2021

Attended by Lindsay Baker - Parent, Victoria Crone-Kontemeniotis - Parent, Kelly Lovell – Assistant Head, Alison Barton - Pupil Welfare

Topic Discussed	Ideas/actions
Policy updates/ inputs	Thanked the parents for their valuable input so far on the policies. They are willing to look at the Careers Policy and give feedback. This will need to be emailed.
Covid and general safety arrangements	Parents are still happy with the strategies we have in place. We spoke about the easing of lockdown and how it is a bit worrying and we are all relying on people still sticking to guidelines. They asked if lateral flow testing is still in place for students and staff and I clarified it was but only for those who have volunteered to participate. We spoke about Covid injections as well and that some staff have had their 2 nd jab as well.
Returning to school	All students are now back in school. Some have been on integration plans due to their anxiety and individual needs. Both parents felt the return had gone well. Victoria is happy that all trips have been put back in place.
Upcoming parental workshops	Feedback from Fola's Occupational Therapy workshop was positive, it was very informative and useful. Workshops planned: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • April-Nicki (Play therapy) • May- Jutta (Speech and language) • June- SENDIAS • July- Community Police Officer Suggestions again for dietician and sleep to be covered.
Curriculum Updates	Students are completing IDL assessments in Maths and English over the coming weeks. Parents would like to know if they will be advised of the results. Parents will be advised of the results after the interventions have taken place so we can demonstrate pupil progress.
Wellbeing and Welfare	Parents were very happy and had nothing to raise. Welfare team are continuing to establish and making good communication links with parents and monitoring home/school contact.
Covid catch-up fund	Parents said their children do not want to stay after school to continue with ordinary lessons. They feel it would be more beneficial for the sessions to be practical. Examples presented were visiting a market/shop covering Maths by using real money so are learning life skills and it is a real-life situation. Swimming was part of the curriculum before and good for general health. It was advised that swimming is being looked in to as the instructor is starting to work again now lockdown is eased.
AOB	Victoria said that there is a back log of short breaks and it is being investigated. She also said she can raise problems if several adults are experiencing the same problem at her council meetings. She cannot deal with individual complaints.
Meetings	Provisional dates have been booked for the rest of the school year. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 27th May 2021 • 23rd June 2021 • 8th July 2021 and all will commence at 10.30 am.