



**City of Rochester School**  
**Parent Advisory Group Meeting Minutes**  
**Friday 18<sup>th</sup> January 2022**

**Present:**

Kelly Lovell Assistant Headteacher

Shelia Humphrey Registrar

Amanda Kemsley Parent

Vicki Crone –Kontemeniotis Parent

Mikila Cross Parent

**Apologies:**

Lindsay Baker, Tara Warner, Kelly Oake, and Maria Smith

<b>Topic Discussed</b>	<b>Ideas/actions</b>
Policy update	Parents were happy with the parental engagement policy and feel the school are doing a great job.
COVID and general safety arrangements.	Parents are happy with ask the school to have in place, parents are frustrated with
Fund Raising for the school playground	Discussed that we had raised £100 from a raffle in school, we have prizes ready to do an easter raffle, we are waiting for the gambling licence to be issued. Fundraising committee had suggested a penny jar challenge and we are asked for opinions and suggestions and parents said that cash is not being used and feel this would not be successful. Parents asked if we could look at being a cashless school.
Parental workshops	We are working on the coffee Morning's being set up before the end of term 4, we are going to continue to plan and not be put off by Covid. We discussed the location of the church we are looking at which is ST Francis of Assisi Parents are pleased and have said that we should charge for drinks etc. A planned programme of workshops will be in place. A survey will be sent out to parents to see if parents do want a coffee morning.
Curriculum updates	Parents asked to have more information on learning means the world each term so that they are aware and able to ask questions to the children and understand what their child is talking about. Parents said that the experiential, works better offsite in their opinion their children seem to be more interested when it is offsite.
Wellbeing and welfare	We all acknowledged that it is difficult at home and school with Covid and the effects it is having, staff, children and Parents being unwell and all the change this causes, however our pupils have been so resilient and worked hard in school. Parents asked what support we have to support pupils Mental Health; we spoke about what we have in place which is: <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Play therapy</li><li>2. School counsellor</li><li>3. Lego therapy</li><li>4. Draw and talk</li><li>5. Garden room</li></ol>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>6. Trusted adults</li> <li>7. Autism and me programme that is being rolled out by the speech and language therapist</li> <li>8. Contented child programme</li> <li>9. Individual skills session on timetables</li> <li>10. We also have a mental Health champion</li> </ul> <p>Parents were pleased with the variety that is available.</p>
AOB	<p>Amanda Kemsley Maisie's mum works at Medway council and is an Environmental Engagement Officer, Amanda can arrange for staff to come in and do a presentation and give freebies to encourage children to recycle and understand why it is so important. Kelly to ask Rebeca Dunn or Sophie Hatcher if we can have the presentation for the Great British Spring Clean takes place <b>25 March – 10 April</b>.</p>
Meetings	25 <sup>th</sup> February 2022 at 10.30am