

The Roundhill Academy

The Roundhill Family Partnership
Wednesday 2nd May 2018 630pm-730pm



Attendees: Minal Kotecha, Anit Kotecha, Elaine Harrison, David Potter, Phil Iley, Helen Walker, Priti Patel, David McFarlane, Nita Ravat, Sandi Parrish.

In attendance – Davina Spence, Steve McDonald, Helen Blythe

1) Apologies for absence, introductions

Nita Pankhania, Varsha Wadhera, Hannah Edwards.

Welcomed 2 new members to The Roundhill Family Partnership, Mr McFarlane and Ms Ravat

2) Minutes of Previous Meeting held on 24th January 2018

All read and agreed by partnership that they are a true and accurate record of the meeting.

3) Business Arising

None

4) OFSTED Visit – Helen Blythe

Helen explained that the OFSTED visit took place last October and the school was really pleased with the visit. We had a 2 day visit which we were not expecting, this was because it was our first visit after becoming an 11-16 school.

Helen explained that it was hard work and the Governors had intense interview.

Helen asked if parents completed the surveys on line.
RFP said they had completed the surveys and Helen thanked them.

Helen asked if there were any questions.

No questions were asked but all were happy with the result.

It should be 3 years before the next visit.

5) Anti-Bullying Policy Feedback

RFP were asked to read the new Anti-Bullying Policy and give any feedback.

Helen recapped from the last meeting regarding the Beyond Bullying Award.

Helen explained that the school has been asked to include what bullying **isn't**. We refer to a bullied child as the target and use phrases such as "bullying type behaviours", so describe behaviours rather than a person.

All had read the policy and gave the following feedback.

- There is no mention of financial bullying
This would come under the Physical section – stealing
- There is no specific mention of Social Media
This would come under Cyber Bullying
- How does everyone know what has happened during the process if a child or parent reports bullying?
Helen explained that the Pastoral Department are aware of what has happened at each stage and at what point the investigation is at. The co-ordination of the process is dealt with by the Pastoral Department.
- When do parents become involved, do they get a telephone call?
Telephone calls are made initially. Those students who have been accused of bullying behaviours, parents are informed by telephone and then a letter may be sent home, and sometimes a meeting in school.
- If bullying is reported by someone and then when investigated it is found to be untrue what would happen?
Investigation would cover all students who may be friends if necessary to establish what had happened.
- Could there be a review process, for example if 2 students are segregated at break and lunchtime, when is the point that it is all ok and they can use the same area again, how is it reviewed? There is no mention of review in the policy.

In the policy under "Advice to Students" could the wording be slightly changed where it says "Remember" could it read, "Your silence is the greatest weapon of the child with the bullying behaviour"

6) Year 8 Make a Difference Day – Friday 4th May 2018

Phil Iley is attending the MADD.

Phil asked if you pass any Roundhill students in the community on Friday please say hello.

7) Cashless Catering – Steve McDonald

Steve explained that the idea of cashless catering had come from RFP.

We renegotiated our contract with School Food Support and they said that if we committed to their service for another 3 years they would pay for the instalment of the cashless catering system.

Students have also petitioned for cashless catering in school.

Evidence from other schools suggest that takings increased when cashless catering is introduced.

The system will be linked in to Parent Pay and we strongly recommend that parents use this method to top up the card. Parents can send cash in to school with their child and they can top up the card at the machine in school.

A parent asked if there would be an opportunity to top up prior to 4th June? Davina explained that she would be on hand to help students at the machine and the school will try and have access on parent pay to top up prior to go live.

A parent asked if the school would be purchasing lanyards for students to keep their cards in?

It will be looked at to see if it could be incorporated in to the school shop where students can purchase stationery. HBL to discuss at SLT.

Overall parents are happy with the introduction of Cashless Catering.

8) AOB

Year 7 progress evening, supply teachers not available when they have been teaching students. Can the school ask supply teachers to be available at Progress Evenings?

Issue with supply teachers awarding negative points.

Concern over positive points not being awarded as often. Also concerns where supply teachers have given negative points for sometimes questionable reasons. Other Year 7 parents in RFP agreed with this statement.

One parent said they had contacted the teacher via email to find out what the redirection/negative points were for.

Helen Blythe explained that the school had been through a particularly turbulent time with regards to teachers leaving and the school is very aware of the impact this has on the school. We have now recruited and are in a much better position. Helen also explained that there is a national crisis particularly with recruiting Maths and MFL teachers.

Helen acknowledged that there sometimes is inconsistency when there are different supply teachers and the points process.

A parent asked if the school was in that situation again if communication could be sent home explaining and acknowledging issues with teacher turnover.

There was acknowledgement from RFP that the school has done the best it can in difficult circumstances.

We would like to think this situation would not arise again but would consider if suitable any communication to parents.

Steve mentioned that during the summer break the swimming pool changing rooms will be undergoing refurbishment costing £80,000.

The school is piloting in Maths homework on Go4S.

Helen Blythe thanked the Roundhill Family Partnership parents for their continued support and explained that it has been going for 5 years and some of the achievements they can be proud of:

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Make a Difference Day

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School Website changes

Helen also thanked Elaine Harrison and David Potter who have been part of the group from the beginning and as their son Andrew will be leaving school this year will no longer be part of RFP. Their contributions have been greatly appreciated and we wish them and Andrew well for the future.

Date of next meeting – Wednesday 3rd October 2018 6:30pm-7:30pm.