

DRAFT MINUTES
BRIDGE & PATRIBOURNE SCHOOL

PARENT COUNCIL MEETING

DATE	Wednesday 1st July 2015
ATTENDEES	Miss Ren Chinnadurai (Headteacher)
	Rachel McInnes (Parent, Yr. 4 Rep)
	Jo Rowbotham (Parent, Yr. R Rep)
	Sarah Guest (Parent, Yr. Chairperson)
	Jo Linnane (Parent)
	Louise Green (Parent, Yr. 2 Rep)
	Becci Sands (Parent)
	Alisha Siddle (Parent)
	Elena Razzano (Parent)
	Hayley Steer (Parent)
	Georgie Bainbridge (Parent)
	Claire Streeter (Parent, PTA)
APOLOGIES	Sara Kazmi (Parent, new rep for Yr. 1 & Yr. 3)
	Lisa Chan-Jones (Parent, PTA rep RPC)
	Liam Cairns (Parent, PTA treasurer)

	Kelly Stroud (Parent)
	Suzannah Fitzgerald (Parent)

Actions from Parent Council meeting on Thursday 5th February 2015

- 1 Spelling policy is on the website
- 2 Walking bus has been covered by the agenda below
- 3 Parent Council will remain a separate entity and will not become a sub committee of the PTA. An update will be given at each PTA meeting.

Ren, can you give an update on parent questionnaire, playtime helpers and reading partners?
Thanks

- 1 Childrens' assessment – how you will be able to understand how your child is moving forward with the absence of levels

The government has made curriculum changes that result in the absence of

levels. These levels have been replaced with the following: emerging, expected and

exceeding. The bands are where the children are functioning in the curriculum and the primary curriculum focusses on the skills and content to be taught in each year group. The intention is for the children to cover their year's curriculum and to have depth of learning. Currently schools are waiting for progress indicators from the government expected sometime in Autumn (currently not specified) before they can hold workshops for parents/guardians to explain and support the changes. In the meantime the school has sent home childrens' workbooks in order for parents to view their childrens' progress and ask any questions. It was reiterated, should parents have any concerns about their children they shouldn't hesitate to contact their teacher/school at any time.

There will still be external tests in Yr 2 and Yr 6, again this is to be defined and will be communicated to parents/guardians as soon as possible. There is no longer SATs and levels. There measure for this will be some form of age standardised score.

- 2 Leading Parent Partnership Award – an introduction to the award and how parents can get involved. See <http://www.lppa.co.uk/>

The school want to further improve communication with parents and felt that working towards this award would be very beneficial.

A few of the areas covered:

- What the school does well
- How we can enrich the childrens' experience
- How we can improve parent and child participation
- How we can prepare children for leaving school

A working group of parents needs to be set up. Anybody interested please contact the office. Questionnaires will be issued in due course. Already feedback forms have been issued to parents/guardians who have already had their child's consultation.

- 3 Walking Bus - update on progress

A well attended meeting earlier in the day saw a lot of interested parents and potential volunteers.

ROUTE

As a result of the Parent Council meeting we have decided to start off with the 'Park' route, which starts at the parking bays opposite the swings and through Riverside Close, the park and into school. We may implement other routes in the future. The route from Bridge Down has already

been assessed should we wish to extend it to there in the near future. Other routes were discussed but currently these routes appeared to be the most viable to start with.

SAFETY OF CHILDREN ONCE ARRIVING AT SCHOOL

The other concern raised at the meeting was about where the children go when they get to school. Miss Chinnadurai clarified what used to happen. All year R, 1 and Yr 2 children (until after Autumn half-term) will wait behind the fence by the Year 1 classrooms and a staff member takes responsibility for them from that point; they then go to classes like the bus children. Once the children have either walked to the back playground or are behind the fence, then the volunteer is free to go. This worked well before so I hope this is the reassurance required.

VOLUNTEERING

Currently it looks like there's enough potential volunteers for the bus to run on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Tuesdays and Thursdays are a possibility for the future.

Should anyone wish to volunteer for a morning or even be on standby please do let Rachel McInnes know by emailing rachelmpin@hotmail.com. Anyone volunteering will need to have a DBS check which takes 30 minutes and will be done through the school. Should you have any questions about any aspect of the walking bus please do contact Rachel.

SIGNING UP THE CHILDREN

Once we have volunteers confirmed we can start signing up the children. The idea is that if your child/ren are planning to use the walking bus that their parent/s would be able to volunteer at least one morning per week. There are two forms that need completing, a parental consent form and a Pupil Promise.

4 AOB

Next meeting will be held in the 1st term of the new school year 2015/16 and will be a focus group on the Leading Parent Partnership Award

ACTIONS

Action:	By whom:	Date due:
Full update on childrens' assessment	Miss Chinnadurai and staff	asap in Term 1 2015/16
An audit for the Leading Parent Partnership Award will have been completed and this meeting will be solely used to discuss ideas within the working group	Miss Chinnadurai and staff	next parent council meeting (Term 1 2015/16)
Keep all interested parties updated on the walking bus. This will also be advertised on the website and in the newsletter as it evolves	Rachel McInnes	ongoing, with launch in September