



Meeting Date: 17th May 2017

School Funding. Parental Engagement

We began by discussing the letter that was sent out to parents earlier in the week. Jon detailed the extent of the supply teacher bill in 2016-17 and the actions that the school had planned in 2017-18 to alleviate this enormous outlay. The contributions of parents to trips and events was mentioned and Jon said that no parent is charged only voluntary contributions are requested. No parent would ever be asked to pay more to subsidise those who don't contribute. Any short fall in this respect would either be picked up by the school budget or the event would have to be cancelled. We also discussed the charging of nominal amount for tickets to year groups shows and concerts etc. This was welcomed by those present.

The work of the PTA was praised by all. It was suggested that the Christmas and summer fayres be timetabled for Saturdays. It was thought that more people, particularly from the community would attend. *Jon to raise this with the FOS ladies.* The PTA will also be making it very clear to all parents what their funds are sent and what they are currently raising money for.

Other aspects of money saving were discussed such as requesting that children bring in their own pencil cases etc. also supply the class texts.

All these ideas were collated by Jon and a senior leadership team meeting on Friday would draw up a strategy to manage the issue and numerous very kind offers of support for the school.

A flyer has been sent out requesting help from parents in school in a wide range of areas. Two of our parents on the council and Sandra D have put it together. Thank you to them. Luke Watts had also offered help and support in variety of ways. Jon would pass on his email to Sandra D again.

Jon also said that he would adapt the original flyer to source help and support from parents with useful skills to offer. Particularly in terms of building maintenance and improvement work. Careful consideration of East Sussex guidelines in this area would need to be taken, the use of approved contractor regulations and the use of waivers etc. for example.

The use of the children raising money for charity was raised. Jon explained that raising money by the children was an educational principle he would not like to lose but it could be combined with jointly raising funds for the school as well. It was suggested that the last day of every term could be a mufti-day.

Staffing for September

As a direct result of the budget situation some teachers would have to be redeployed to class teaching again. The pentagon maths teachers were the main example at the moment. Other staff groups may need restructuring in future. Jon also explained how Learning Support Assistants (LSA) would be organized in future. 1 LSA working 25 hours per week instead of 2 working 15 hours each per week. This not only saved money but was the recognized best practice for 2 form entry schools and would be the model set up 3 times in each year group from September. This would be done by natural change and not a formal restructure. At this point Jon also explained that the proposed partial mix up or re balance of year 5 had, more or less, proved impossible to achieve and as such this would be a full mix up. This would be done in year 4 too this year and then in future only at

	the end of year 4.
Playground Supervision	The level of supervision before school is inconsistent. Jon explained there should be 8 adults out every morning. 4 teachers in rotation, these are always there, and 3 SLT members and John Piercy. <i>Jon said that he would remind all SLT that they must be outside from 8.30am.</i>
Mixed ability groups in class.	The staffing changes will mean that classes will be taught exclusively by their class teacher as no maths group would run. The work would naturally be differentiated. <i>Jon said that he would email details of Sutton Trust/Education Endowment Fund research in this area to the parents on the council.</i> This would explain how effective mixed ability teaching and similar strategies are.
AOB	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Jon agreed to send out a school improvement plan summary for 2016-17 and the summary of the new plan for 2017-18 when drafted. 2. The transition arrangements for Year 2 and 6 (and all year groups) were discussed. More detailed information and more events were suggested for the year 2 children and parents coming in: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PTA welcome morning, coffee etc. • More transition events for the children • More social events for parents • Produce a photo book for the children.
Parent council email address.	The parent council email address is: parentcouncil@ocklynge.e-sussex.sch.uk
Attachments.	Sutton Trust/Education Endowment Fund research documents.
Date of the next meeting	Thursday 22 nd June @ 9.00am