

# LADYBRIDGE HIGH SCHOOL

## PARENTAL FORUM

### MINUTES OF THE MEETING

#### Tuesday 2 February 2010

**Present:** Hilary D’Arcy, Ann Zammit, Martin Witter, Mark Roach, Peter Willacy, Ann Willacy, Liz Beamish, Karen Pollitt, Amy Barrett, Sandra Lee-Suggett, Ian Winstanley, Zaheda Khan, Robina Durrani, Julie Gregory, Abida Arif, Prabhulal Hirani, Michelle Peart, Martin Kelway, Parveen Ali, Susan Haslam

**1. Apologies:** Dawn Wrigley, Janet Caglayan, Sarah Young, Michelle Brindle, Nina Bulpit

Parents and Staff introduced themselves and new members welcomed.

**2. OFSTED report and Actions**

Hilary D’Arcy thanked all parents for their support to the school and reported that OFSTED had given them an outstanding in their report. Hilary stated that she was very pleased with the recent OFSTED report but standards needed to be raised in English and Maths and boosting the motivation of some groups of students, particularly white boys in KS4.

A Raising Attainment Plan was distributed to parents and Hilary and Martin Witter read through it with the Forum.

**3. BSF Update**

The spring edition of the BSF Newsletter will be distributed to all students with a letter from the Headteacher later this week. Hilary was pleased to see a photo of Ladybridge students on the front page. It is expected that work will be completed on the school by September 2013. BSF Open Day will take place on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March in the North Hall 7.00 – 8.30pm.

Mark asked for volunteers from the Forum who would be prepared to meet on a regular basis with Stephen Astley for an update report on the progress being made, five parents volunteered.

**4/5. Constituted Group ‘Friends of Ladybridge’ Update**

Louise Egan from the LA had asked the group to make a wish list to what they need to spend money on as they were now an accepted constitution and could start applying for grants.

Wish list ideas: outdoor seating, finance for rewards eg. Disco, develop the school farm – food for small animals, climbing wall, tennis courts resurfaced, new sound system in North Hall, marking for games.

Students will be asked what they would like and then Mark Roach will not contact Louise with the wish list.

**6. Coursework and Exams**

Parents are still concerned with the shortage of homework. A Revision Guide was being prepared for all Years 10 & 11 parents. Copies were distributed to three members of the Forum and they were asked to read through it and tweak it so that it was acceptable for parents to use at home.

With regards to coursework, Hilary informed the Forum that coursework deadlines and the GCSE timetable would be available shortly. The Option booklet informed parents of what examination boards each subject used.

**7. Literacy across the Curriculum**

A general comment made in the Ofsted inspection was the lack of marking for literacy in subjects other than English. Staff had met to discuss literacy in all departments and agreed to support and to mark for literacy. Ann Zammit produced a paper on 'Marking for Literacy' which stated Literacy Issues and the possible solutions.

**8. Path from Ladybridge to Wigan Road**

Parents had been concerned over the condition of the footpath especially in the recent adverse weather conditions. Mark Roach had spoken with Terry Chadwick and David Jackson and site staff have now unblocked a drain and hopefully this will improve the situation.

Next meeting - to be arranged.