



Reach & Parents

Reach Academy Feltham PTA

Meeting Notes: Thursday 24th September 2015

Present:

Sonal Dave, Shruthi Yerra, Janaki Vaddadi, Sunita Hiremath, Shweta Padaki, Nadine Ismail, Lorinta Garbinciene, Katrina Baker, Parmjeet Khurana, Jo White, Navita Gujral, Sarita Singh, Mia Jayne, Dawn Keifer, Donna Pearce, Aleli Castro, Cheryl Morris, Natasha Thompson, Marcia Ramus, Alexandra Zioldo, Carol Arnold, Rebecca Hart, Sandra Spiller, Patricia Esteve, Binli Mohan, Tina Jarrett, Mike Jarrett, Becky Ferreira-Hope, Natasha Pearson, Lianne Thomas, Debbie Vincent, Kay Stone, Nicky McLachlan

Agenda:

To explore the creation of a new Parents & Teachers Association (PTA) or RAP (Reach & Parents) as it will be known at Reach, based on interest by parents, common views of what this is and operational feasibility.

Nicky welcomed and thanked everyone for attending, highlighting the fabulous turnout.

Debbie asked all to brainstorm within seated groups of 5/6 what they thought a PTA actually was and then requested a spokesperson from each group to feedback to all.

A summary common purpose was reported across all groups:

- Fundraising to enhance educational resourcing, including approaching big business;
- Running events for pupils and parents, providing an opportunity for parents to meet and get to know each other, embrace our cultural diversity and have fun eg. Diwali, Eid, Christmas etc;
- To identify where we have skills to support the school with running it's activities eg. homework clubs, school trips, afterschool clubs and other special events;
- Empowering parents, teachers and pupils to feel part of the wider school community so that collectively we can make a difference.

Other comments included good use of IT for communication, especially for working parents who would like to participate but can't always make meetings.

Debbie asked everyone to similarly brainstorm in the existing seated groups ideas for PTA activities.

Feedback included:

- Christmas Bazaar - including grotto, stalls, raffles (bric-a-brac and donated items)
- Diwali Celebration –(Nicky feedback that there is no onsite space for fireworks)
- Discos
- Pupil representatives
- Counselling
- Fitness
- Homework clubs
- End of Year celebrations
- Rewards for children (Cinema Trips, Parties, Bowling, Theatre Trips)
- Second hand uniform Sales
- Reach fun days
- Teachers wear school uniform, pay £1
- World food day
- Halloween parties
- Cheese & Wine intro evening
- Cake sales – bake off
- Mufti-Days
- Facepainting
- German Markets
- Hook a Duck and other fair games
- Talent shows
- Easter hunts
- Bingo nights
- Sponsored walks
- Tea-Towels (hand prints/portraits)
- Parent and Child Days
- Parent get togethers
- Sports events
- Wear a colour day

Nicky thanked everyone for coming. Tea and coffee was made available.

Next Steps:

Reach Academy to formally confirm that it supports a PTA. A PTA Committee will need to be formed. The formal registration of a PTA entity eg registrations and licenses will be undertaken. To set up a pta@reachacademy.org.uk email address as a contact point for all.