



London Christian School Parent Body Meeting Minutes

Monday 12 June 2023, 8.15am-9.00am
40 Tabard Street, London, SE1 4JU

Apologies from Julia Grant, Jo Jackson, Eileen King, Kate Macmillan.

Points brought forward for discussion

Update on building next door

NCW shared that we should hopefully be completing next week and by the end of this term by the latest, with the purchase looking increasingly certain.

We have the funds to purchase it, but would have an additional fundraising campaign for the redevelopment.

School lunch

The vast majority of parents would like school lunches. This view is shared by NCW. There is the issue of space and staffing in order to implement this. An option would be to buy in lunches, however even this is a stretch at the moment in terms of space, and may not go ahead until we move into the new building.

Bike storage

The council are extending the pavement for us with added bike storage. NCW has put the request for a dropped curb to the council. The question is when, and this is dependent on the council.

Transition from Early Reception to Reception

ER spend time in the R classroom. However, the transition from ER to R isn't as much of a jump as they still learn a great deal through play. There is more structure in the summer term for R, in readiness for Year 1.

Transition from Reception to Y1

Y1 teacher will go down to R to get to know R. R also come up to the Y1 classroom more than once. R teacher and Y1 teacher liaise very closely in terms of R's academic transition to Y1. R do go from quite a big space to a smaller space, however the computer room also belongs to Y1, giving Y1 more space other than their classroom.

Action: School to arrange a meeting to go over the change in expectations from R to Y1. This may be in the Autumn Term.

Languages

Mandarin is taught from Y1, French from Y3 and Latin from Y5.

Increase in physical activity

NCW agrees that it would be good to have more competitive sport. However, this is an issue of space and a full-time PE teacher. Children do have 2 playtimes (where they can run around) each day. Additionally, Y3 and Y4 have swimming once a week, and Y4, 5 and 6 have fencing once a week. There is also running club and sports clubs after school.

Parents suggested that there is more competitive sport between houses. NCW agreed that we can have more inter-house playtimes.

School Trips for Y1

Parents have a desire for Y1 to do more trips. NCW reminded parents that Y1 have done a few trips this year (zoo, walk to London Bridge, theatre). NCW said that we can look into doing more trips for Y1 in relation to art, as suggested by parents.

Christmas Market

Kate Huang and Adela Garyali are heading up the Christmas Market this year. Parent reps have been recruiting people to help.

Hina explained that in the run-up, the commitment by parents involved will probably include meeting every 2 weeks but that in the week or two before it will be a bigger time commitment.

AOB

Tutoring Club (Y4)

Tutoring club next year will run the same time that it has run this academic year. NCW will go into more detail during the secondary school meetings.

Parents were also asked when/if they would be receiving their child's CAT results. NCW said that Y4 and Y5 parents would receive the results when they are available, but that Y3 parents do not as a matter of course.

Uniform

Parents wanted some clarification on uniform, particularly with the change in uniform from R to Y1. NCW reminded parents that the uniform list on the LCS website is very comprehensive. However, parents have noticed a discrepancy between our list and Kids-Biz.

Action: NCW to check this discrepancy and speak to Kids-Biz if need be.

Photos

Feedback from a parent who thinks that the company used for this year's school photographs do not provide as high quality photos as the company used in 2020. NCW said we've had the opposite feedback.

Action: Parent who provided this feedback will be contacted to ask for more specific details on why they are not happy with the photos.