

Parent Advisory Committee (PAC)

Wednesday 26 November 2025

6.00pm – 7.00pm

Mr Bray

PAC members (Mrs Culling, Mrs Hook, Dr Sims, Mr Steel)

Mr Bray introduced himself and outlined his vision for the group being project based, working together on initiatives to drive forward the school using Parent Kind.

Members recognised there is a separate process for raising individual concerns, but that regular issues raised on social media, for example, could be addressed as a collective group.

Mr Bray referred to the Parent Kind Silver Award being introduced across the Trust to help develop partnership, and referred to the 'ten questions' section, in particular, question 5 relating to communication. All agreed that school communication has improved, and appreciated the Newsletter content; also acknowledging that other journalism on social media can often be 'clickbait'.

The PAC then discussed the Parent Kind section 'volunteering activities in the school environment'. Feedback to parents is that scholars would like to hear about individual careers, rather than specific jobs. Mr Bray went on to explain about 'Boss Day' from previous roles, preparing scholars for the world of work, with mock interviews, workshops, and local people invited. He also spoke about 'Charities Week' to support local charities, which was welcomed by members. The 'Find Your Futures' programme was also discussed, with all attendees recognising that connections with local business should be encouraged.

Action: Mr Bray to invite Careers Lead along to outline calendar, and involvement from local industries and business.

Action: PAC members reach out to the local community, businesses and groups.

Future Projects

Action: Mrs Culling agreed to collate a PAC list of who is interested in developing the current Year 7 area, and what support can be offered. This will be for the spring time in better weather.

Members encouraged the Academy to promote relationships with Sports Leaders (eg: a recent football event supporting SEN scholars) and Language Leaders. They recognised that whilst extra-curricular activities are offered, many are not accessing these. Mr Bray confirmed that the Academy has ten table tennis tables, basketball courts, three football pitches, and that games are self-regulated by the groups.

Future Meetings

All recognised that future meetings will benefit from background homework and sending questions in advance.

Action: Mrs Culling to help prepare agenda, pack - which will be assumed as read, so that meetings can be tailored and focused.

Other Matters

- Members asked for the 'Astrea Reads' presentation to be available. (**Action:** to be included in a future Newsletter.)
- The journey on to sixth form with younger scholars. Mr Bray spoke about earlier taster sessions (Yr9s) and involving current sixth form scholars at events. All recognised the difficulties of the current community 'noise' about alternatives but believe St Neots Sixth Form to be a key part of the town, with a collective buy in needed.
- The PAC meeting time of 6pm can be difficult for some members. **Action:** Review, for later start time for next meeting.

Meeting ended 7.00pm.