

St Ivo Academy

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ST IVO ACADEMY PAC MEETING WEDNESDAY 10 JULY 2024 AT 18:30 PRINCIPAL'S OFFICE ST IVO ACADEMY

In attendance: Anthony Meneaugh (Principal), Caroline Dennington, Gary Barton, Paul Mumford, Denise Brandrith, Glen Sharp, Kirsten McLaughlin and Sarah Collinge (parents); Matt Finch (Parent Forum rep).

Apologies: Donna Hartley (Executive Assistant to Leadership Team),

Agenda:

Item	Subject
1	Review/ Approve minutes of the last meeting (attached, verbal updates in the meeting)
2	Any items from the Local Governance Committee
3	Emails to the PAC inbox (attached)
4	Behaviour policy, including jewellery and wider policy
5	Parents' Evenings format (I will also provide some background about the school's directed time
	budget for context)
6	Pupil, Student, or Scholar
7	Fundraising ideas/community involvement
8	Possible reunion
9	Confirmation of future dates
10	Any other business

Item	
1	Minutes of last meeting:
	Lunch hour – TM reporting that newsletter had been clear on new arrangements; the school
	would monitor uptake of lunchtime clubs; timings for students would be rotated so lunches
	were not always taken at the same time.
	Curriculum – TM reported that the school was looking at how IT could be brought into
	'electives'; the idea being to select a particular approach and run with that for a year. KM
	suggested using Jupiter Notebooks. TM to consider using the newsletter to attract attention
	within the St Ives community.
	Late bus – Suggested that parents of children living outside of St Ives could be contacted to
	find out how many would need use of the late bus.
2	Items from Local Governance Committee – none raised.
3	Emails to PAC inbox – Agreed to set up PAC distribution list with PAC members' personal
	email addresses. Emails to PAC inbox to be forwarded by DH/TM.
6	Pupil, Student, or Scholar
	TM explained that the school was considering using 'scholar' rather than pupil or student. This
	aligned with the value of 'scholarship' which is a key part of teaching and learning at the
	school.

General comments raised by PAC:

- Would not give a community feel
- Too loaded with academic implications, not inclusive for non-academic subjects/activities
- Open to different interpretations, uncertain what it means
- Dept for Education use 'pupil', why would St Ivo be different?
- Sounds too American
- The school should keep it simple, why introduce a new word where one isn't needed?

Suggestions and questions:

- Ask the children what they think

Concerns:

- Strong recommendation that 'scholar' should not be used as a phrase – no need to change

7 / 8 | Fundraising / possible reunion for previous students:

Noted that Parent Forum is giving funds to the school.

Agreed to discuss more at next meeting.

4 Behaviour policy:

TM explained that the behaviour policy was being reviewed, that it was currently too complicated in places and was at times implemented inconsistently. St Ivo has flexibility about the behaviour policy set by Astrea Trust [NB, full policy document not discussed at PAC, this was sent round afterwards].

General comments from PAC:

- Staff training is essential to ensure consistency implementation
- Good idea to review policy and should be well-received by students if it meant some simplification of the policy
- Understood that implementing the policy fully would take time

Suggestions and questions:

- School should produce a summary (2 page?) document
- Supply teachers should be briefed fully (using summary document?) on the behaviour policy to avoid inconsistency – the requirement to brief supply teachers should be included in the policy
- Children should be involved in the review of the policy

Concerns raised by PAC:

- Lack of consistency is undermining the current policy and needs to be addressed
- Supply teachers form a significant part of the teaching body and result in inconsistency – need to be specifically considered in review of policy
- The school should clarify what it meant by "small stuff" and what is an "infringement"
 these phrases are not clear.

Additional items raised by email:

6th form – agreed to be an item at next meeting.

Longsands – TM confirmed that some of Senior Leadership Team had been shared with Longsands recently.

Dates for next meetings:

Wednesday late November 2024 tbc
Wednesday 22/01/2025
Wednesday 05/03/2025
Wednesday 28/05/2025
Wednesday 18/06/2025