

Springfield School HSA

Meeting Minutes

Date and time: 02.11.22 18:00

Location: Springfield School and Teams online

Attendees: Jo Berthou (JB), Jennifer Gibb (JG), Rachel Baines (RB), Leanne Duffy (LD), Mal Robson (MR), Anthea Carroll (AC)

Apologies: Brian Hedley, Stacey Hedley, Christina Jandron

Welcome

JB welcomed everyone to the meeting and explained that she was looking forward to helping the HSA as she has been part of the school community for seven years.

School Update

MR shared positive feedback regarding the recent parents' consultations. Both parents and staff felt the return to face-to-face meetings was good and made conversations easier and more effective. This system will remain in place going forward unless health and safety guidance changes again.

MR explained that the School Review report was due to be published today (2nd) with a press release from the government. This has encountered a slight delay due to the availability of the Education Minister who needs to 'sign off' the final report and press release. It is hoped this will go ahead before the end of the week.

Town School Review

MR shared the town school review that had been commissioned by the previous education minister.

The purpose of this was to assess the capacity and suitability of the existing school estate, given that there are significant housing developments within catchment areas. MR shared the key points from the report and the main recommendations to move forward. It was noted that the potential numbers of children in the catchment area of Springfield School would grow significantly due to number of housing developments planned over the next three years. It has been suggested by the review that a suitable site for a new school could be Gas Place site. Thoughts were then invited from HSA members present.

JB queried the timeframe associated with the project. JG confirmed the report states September 2026 for a target opening date.

RB explained that she was pleased to hear of the potential development of Millennium Park and was concerned that this development would supersede that now, especially as Millbrook Park was seeing significant extension.

RB and JG expressed concern over the traffic implications of the proposed site. MR stated that this would need to be considered in the wider implications during the next stage of planning. MR confirmed that a merge of smaller schools is not a consideration.

RB and AC commented on how nice a new school would be, with modern up to date facilities and provision for the children.

AC added that a two from entry school has huge benefits in terms of staff development, team work and broader experience across the school.

MR added that we wouldn't want to lose a significant strength of our school, which is the community support that comes from the school, parents and children.

RB shared a concern around the extended facilities of the proposed new school and would this detract from the core business of the school. AC reassured RB that the school would operate as a hub for families and the community to receive support linked to school provision.

LD echoed earlier thoughts around keeping the site to extend the current park as this is desperately needed and queried time frame for next steps. MR confirmed that no immediate dates have been discussed.

Treasurer update

JB shared the update in the absence of Stacey Hedley.

Account Balance: £9,402.04 Available Balance: £8,463.04

Money in Reserve: Green House for Gardening Club: £439.00 Jersey Zoo - Tortoise : £500.00

Breakdown of Funds in: Break the Rules Day: £226.77 Summer Fair: £14.74 (additional money added)

Breakdown of Funds Out: Leavers BBQ - £74.79 Account Charges: £5.00

A funding request from Y2 teacher was shared. This was for £500 for resources to support practical learning.

AC added that these resources would be a great additional to the outdoor learning area. The request was agreed.

A funding request was shared from AC for £200 to support some of our families in addition to the hampers that we put together for Christmas. This was agreed. AC also advised that the school would receive food vouchers from Variety who want to support some vulnerable parents with regards to food shopping at Christmas.

Fundraising

Fundraising events were discussed for Spring Term.

MR suggested a bingo night during the first half term and a family quiz during the second half term. AC and JB commented on how well attended bingo nights has been in the past. It was decided that these events should go ahead and there is the possibility of running a raffle at both events to raise more money. Both events need to be ticketed due to the limited numbers possible in the school hall.

Bingo night - Friday 10th February (6.00pm – 7.30pm) – £1 per person and bingo books for sale on the night. Prizes for winning lines etc....

Family Quiz – Thursday 30th March (6.00pm – 7.30pm) £3 per person with a maximum of 6 in a team. Prizes for winning teams.

No catering at these events but drinks and biscuits will be provided.

Staff will be encouraged to attend at least one of these events.

Children in Need – Friday 18th November. School will support this and follow the theme of 'Be Spotacular'.

JB queried the class Christmas presents and was this the case for all classes. MR confirmed this was the case.

AOB

RB questioned whether we still need to maintain current entrance points into school. MR explained that this was in place to avoid overcrowding at any given entrance point but it would be possible for parents to use alternative entrance points if it was more suitable.

RB also commented on how it can be unsafe at the Early Years entrance point in the morning as some parents are blocking the access road and not giving way to traffic. MR commented how well this entrance system works to keep our youngest children safe but will need to monitor this over the coming days. If necessary, further communication can be sent out to parents to rectify this.

Date of next meeting

Wednesday 11th January at 18:00.