

## Morgans Primary School

### Parent Council Minutes

Meeting: 6<sup>th</sup> May 2011 – 2pm School Library

Present:	Jill Goehringer (Chair), Michelle Wheeler (Vice Chair), Jo Luke (Secretary) , Sue Clarke, Vicki Mitchell, Jo Stradling (Chair – Governors), Cori Pickard, Molly Simpson, Tess Gatens , Juliet Hill
Apologies:	Kate Wilkinson, Bob Cinnamon, Sara Loveday, Sam Amos, Karen Evans, Jana Veryard, Sarah Monk, Anna Brady, Linda Clarke

### Agenda

#### **3 Form Entry - 2011/2012**

Jo Stradling provided an update on the current status and rationale for the 3 form intake in the 2012/13 school year.

- According to GP registration there is a requirement for more school places in Hertford in 2011/2012. The requirement is predominantly in the Foxholes and close surrounding area.
- A review of schools in Hertford concluded that Morgans was the best placed to accommodate a temporary one year “bulge” which involves a 3 form intake in 2012/13 only this will move through the school as the year group moves up. Thus, creating a one year only bulge.
- Any permanent requirement for Morgans to formally become a 3 form entry school would need to go to public consultation. Jo Stradling reiterated that such expansion at Morgans was ***not being considered***.
- Governors have raised some points to the Council such as transport, review of the boundary (could some children on the Foxholes side of Hertford be accommodated in schools in Ware) and placement of additional classrooms.
- However, Governors are in favour of the existing proposal and consider that it could provide a number of benefits for the school including additional funding for 30 pupils regardless of uptake of places.
- It is proposed that at some point in the future the Planning Officer will meet with Parents to address any concerns they may have in respect of the existing proposal.

#### **Bring a Parent to Lunch**

The date for this has been confirmed as 19<sup>th</sup> May 2011 (same day as Morgans Mile). Mr Sadler has approached Jill Goehringer for volunteers to help out with pouring drinks etc. Jill has stepped forward to take this on and is seeking more support. If anyone can help please contact Jill.

#### **Question of the day**

With the task of appointing a new Headteacher in mind it was decided that Parent Council Question of the Day would be along the following lines ....

“If you could ask the candidates one question what would it be?”

**Action:** JG is speak to Mr Miller about including such a question in Morgans Mail.

### **Other Business**

#### **National Family Week 25<sup>th</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup> May 2011**

JG pointed out that National Family Week was approaching and that a number of events were being organised countrywide to mark the occasion. It was decided that we would investigate the possibility of holding a BBQ/picnic after school on Friday May 27<sup>th</sup> in recognition of the week.

**Action:** JG to speak to Miles regarding potential collaboration with FOMS.

More information on National Family Week can be found on

[www.nationalfamilyweek.co.uk](http://www.nationalfamilyweek.co.uk)

[www.familydayoutuk.co.uk](http://www.familydayoutuk.co.uk)

#### **Appointment of new Headteacher**

Jo Stradling confirmed that the process of appointing a new head was in-hand and an information pack was being prepared for prospective candidates. Interviews are planned for June which, will be carried out by selected Governor, in addition, there may be the opportunity for some of the pupils to put forward questions.

In reality it is not expected that the post will be filled in time for the start of the September 2011 term. Jo pointed out that it would be far more realistic to expect the full-time post to be filled for the start of the January 2012 term. Jo confirmed appropriate cover will be sought to fill the “gap” period. She further pointed out that Morgans is in a sound position to attract some good candidates.

#### **Resignation**

Linda Clarke, rep for Yr. 4 Mrs. Voss, has resigned and a replacement will need to be sought.

#### **School Entrance**

It was briefly pointed out that the school entrance could do with a bit of a “lift”. Possible options being more obvious display of the children’s achievement, such a trophies won or certificates received.

**Next Meeting: Thursday June 9<sup>th</sup> @ 9.00 – school library**