COLERIDGE FAMILIES MEETING MINUTES 6th October 2021

Present:

Andrew Day

Joanna Shakhmin

Ayla Us

James Merryweather.

Mel Solomou

Cindy dos Santos

Serge Bernardini

Matilde Casanheira

Olivia Carter

Kai Simmons

Leon Choueke

Sarah Wiley

Adam Madal

Hanna Gadsden

Riccardo Crescenzie

Sergio Matias

Marielle Drier

Natasha Drummond

Ann Seeruttun

Jameila Alexander

Idris Buraimoh

Hind Al Dulaimi

Liang Tive-Hive

Headteacher update

Mr Choueke began by explaining the **school’s current development plan**, which has 3 points of focus:

1. Wider curriculum – history geography re and music
2. Reading & phonics
3. Diversity, Equity & inclusion

Mr Choueke outlined how CF can support the school in these areas of school improvement, in particular around reading. The school is especially keep to improve reading corners in all classrooms across the school. This would mean buying appropriate shelving for teachers to display and keep books. We would also need to buy appropriate seating, cushions etc. for the children. The school is also looking to fundraise to buy additional books to put in the reading corners. The school would very much appreciate Coleridge Families involvement fundraising for this. The school has purchased a huge amount of new reading books including books that represent our diverse community.

New member Adam Madal volunteered to help with furniture.

Mr Choueke mentioned a potential idea for CF to work with the school on. We would like to have a **reading festival in 2022.** It was suggested that we could link it to cultures of Coleridge? We could look to sell book, invite authors, illustrators and story tellers to come into to school.

No date has been fixed. World Book Day was one suggestion.

Mr C was asked if there are any expenses for the playground? (CF has worked hard to raise£). Mr C – no, council is providing. School will get back to you if we need something.

Events

Mel S gave an update on events.

Fireworks – scheduled 13th November. There are some concerns, but should go ahead.

In general, events might need to be flexible. Outdoor is generally OK.

Silent Disco is probably not possible.

Some parent reaction is cautious. We need to find the right balance. Mr C suggested that consulting updates from Public Health will help us to make & justify decisions.

Adam Madal: ‘I've been working in hospitality my whole life, and would be happy to help with H&S, food hygiene around events. firstly to make them safer and to reassure parents.’

Website

1) Ownership of the domain for the Coleridge Families website. Previously owned by Challe who's child has left the school and so the ownership needs to be passed on. Proposed that we'd ask David Ashworth at school if this could be moved over and managed alongisde the school's website so that we don't have this issue again in the future.   
\*Update since the meeting - Dave has agreed to do this and is being actioned.

2) For new parents and anyone interested in joining the committee we need to update our Who We Are page on the website: <https://coleridgefamilies.org.uk/about-us/who-we-are/>

Newsletter

It needs a link on it to website in who we are.

Do we need a standalone message on who we are to new parents? It might not be possible to address a message only to new parents; it would go to all.