

## Armthorpe Academy –Parent Council Meeting

Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> January 2015

### Minutes

#### Attendees

*Chair:* Emma Frost     *Vice Chair:* Kathrine Hardy

*Governors:* Lynne Piper     Sue Meadows

*Parents:* Andrea Harkin     Suzanne Hodgkinson     Wendy Hughes

*Guest:* Andy Cope     Martin Shevill

*Minutes:* Lynne Piper

#### 1. Welcome and introduction

Andy Cope and Martin Shevill were introduced as guest speakers

#### 2. Apologies

Tracy Starbuck

#### 3. Finishing Time

A finishing time of 19:30 was agreed

#### 4. Meeting Minutes

Minutes of the last meeting were agreed as a true record and reflection of the meeting.

#### 5. Guests

Andy Cope introduced Martin Shevill to talk about Armthorpe Academy possibly becoming part of a Multi Academy Trust, called Consilium.

The Governing Body of Armthorpe Academy has agreed that going forward being part of a Multi Academy Trust is in the best interest for the school.

Martin explained what Consilium was about and the advantages to Armthorpe of joining a Multi Academy Trust.

Consilium are a new Academy Trust, and will be based and operate from Armthorpe Academy. Martin Shevill who has already been supporting the school in his current role within the Yorkshire Education Trust, will move to, and become part of Consilium. This will have positive benefits for both the school and Consilium as a new trust setting up.

**Q .** Is YET the same as Consilium?

**A.** No, YET is the Yorkshire Education Trust and Consilium will be a separate company.

**Q.** If it goes ahead how soon will it happen?

**A.** Quite soon, and once it is agreed we will communicate to Parent/Carers.

**Q.** How are you going to communicate this with parents?

**A.** This is open to the Parent Council for their views? *Parent Council thought a communication to advise Parents/Carers of the change initially, followed by an open evening event, possibly as part of parents evening.*

**Q.** What is the structure of Consilium?

**A.** 3 founding members, board of 5 directors, there would be an executive manager, (Overall business manager)

**Q.** Have you approached any Primary schools in the area?

**A.** D.F.E. will recommend schools that may need to join.

## **6. Feedback on specific questions**

### **Homework;**

It was felt that there was not enough Homework given and there was inconsistency between the year groups and individual children how much they received.

### **School lunches;**

Mr Cope explained about recent changes to the Pasta Room. He also informed the council members of a change in catering provider due in March, a communication is to be sent imminently advising Parents/Carers. Mr Cope advised that members of the school had visited other schools where this Provider was present and received nothing but positive feedback. The standard and variation (including more healthy options) were increased.

### **After school clubs;**

A Question was asked around Safeguarding when clubs where cancelled. It was suggested that a text home to parents informing them that clubs would be cancelled would help with this issue.

## **AOB**

A discussion about a re-launch of parent council took place to raise the profile and get new members. There were suggestions to have a new name, new advert etc. A working group may be set up to look at this in more detail.

**Date and Time of Next Meeting 11<sup>th</sup> March 2015 6pm in the Library**