

The Voyager School - Community Meeting

Notes from the meeting held on Monday 29th September 2008 in the conference room at 4.00- 5.30pm.

Present - Rhod Campbell, Stuart Mounfield, Taseef Younas, Derek Winchcombe, Morgan Fitzsimons, Councillor Charles Day, Ann Hampson, Councillor Sandford, Phillip Greaves, Ian Tobin, Natalie Marshall, Scott Houghton, Moira Green. **Apologies** - Wayne Morris, Peter Tebb.

Item 1 – Road works update

SM kindly gave us an update on the current progress with the various works which were nearing completion at the top of the school. RC thanked SM and PT in his absence for the support and commitment these colleagues had shown to TVS with regard to the new road surface, bus shelters, new crossing and road markings. RC requested support for more traffic speed calming signs and support with lobbying PCC for a traffic control officer for our new crossing. SM to look at these requests. PG pointed out that the piece of road outside the community centre had not been done and also that speed humps had been removed. SM responded by saying he would look into this. RC and others requested that signs went up informing drivers about the various restrictions that were in place along Mountsteven Avenue now. SM to look into this.

Item 2 – Discovery School update

AH said there had been quite a lot of refurbishment inside and outside the school which had enhanced things quite a lot. Vandalism had been much reduced and none was reported in the school holidays. The school was developing its extended schools programme with a breakfast club, after school and holiday clubs. It was developing a greenhouse and garden area for students to use as a type of allotment. It was keen to develop links with parents through parent support groups and activities. Links with TVS, including the secondary school hosting The Discovery School annual awards in July, are going very well indeed.

Item 3 – Community Update

DW said that internal refurbishments were now complete and the lighting at the front had significantly reduced the presence of young people at night. Parking at the Discovery School was going really well and the school has offered to invite in community members for lunches. PG wondered why the road had not been done outside the community centre and the humps had also been removed. SM to look into this. RC and DW to liaise over TVS student community service project.

Item 4 - TVS Updates

MAG outlined our work with the community in the context of Media Arts and pointed up a few examples of community partnership. She agreed to bring along the TVS Community Cohesion plan to the next meeting. Our extended schools programme was rapidly developing. Cluster work with feeder primary schools was going well as were close links with the Discovery School. There was to be a family learning day this term. There was a possibility of an adult play area being established on the site. NM and SH, our Safer Schools officers, outlined their key roles in the school with individual student support, classroom and assembly presentations, support with student access and egress and traffic management. RC said they did a great job. Discussion took place about a parking ticket issue at the front of the school and SH and CD said they would follow it up.

Item 5 – Other partner general inputs

CD asked whether there was any cycle proficiency and maintenance projects at the school and RC said he would follow up on this. NS asked when the next Travel Plan meeting was and RC informed him it was on the 20th October at 4.30pm. TY and IT were keen to work with TVS on the school community cohesion plan. MF also showed keen interest in developing a close partnership in this context. PG asked about 'Funky Feet' and MAG informed him of their possible involvement of non-involvement at TVS. It was agreed to invite Jo Sommers from Stagecoach, Peggy Stokes from Walton Action Group and Teresa Woods from PCC Transport to our next meeting.

RC thanked everybody for coming and it was agreed the next meeting would be held on **Monday 26th January 2009 at 4.15pm at TVS**. Meeting closed at 5.40pm.