

**'Coffee and Cream Cakes with the Headteacher and Menahel'**18th December 2019

9.00 – 9.45am

Boardroom

Meeting Minutes**NEW STRUCTURE TO SCHOOL DAY**

- Parents said they are very happy with this.
- Menahel talked about the effectiveness of this so far and how well this has been working – boys are calmer and are learning varied things.
- Kodesh Club working well. One parent said it is a good idea that it's seen as a privilege.

BOOK FAIR

- Parents happy that we had Jewish books on sale this time.
- Two parents offered to come in and check the books beforehand.
- If we do 'Parents in Class' again during Autumn term, can we have the book fair open while the parents are in school?

READING SCHEME

- Can we keep this going into Year 3, sending books home with the boys to read?
- Mr Sager said this is not the norm but he is happy to look at this further.

KODESH GENERAL KNOWLEDGE

- Was brought up that at the British Museum last week, the boys Jewish general knowledge was quite poor.
- Menahel agreed but said that this has been picked up on and there is now a new system in place and the boys are being tested.
- Score charts are outside his office.
- One parent concerned about what will happen at secondary school but two parents said that the boys do get this at the grammar schools.
- Discussion continued, the problem recognised but time to teach will always be the issue.

SCHOOL CALENDAR

- Mr Sager was asked about coordinating the calendar with other schools.
- He said that he does indeed do this, including with Beis Yaakov but different schools have different needs and take different days off during the year so it won't always be perfect. However, he and the BY Headteacher in particular liaise with each other and do try and stay in sync as much as possible. But they are two separate schools.

CAR PARKING

- Commented by a parent that parents are not crossing safely on the street.
- Traffic problems on the road.
- Parents arriving earlier and earlier.
- One parent who chooses to park outside finds that it works very well.
- Bays get taken very quickly.
- Can we use the Reception gate as an exit for parents and stop parents walking out the main gate? *Mr Sager and Menahel agreed that this was a good idea. Will trial this from January.*
- Issue of paying for parking raised but we have shared the list of all the bays.
- Mr Sager mentioned that funding for the new gate has been approved. This will be further along the main wall. It will be built early next term and will help relieve the bottleneck. It will not lead to the whole school parking on site again.
- Discussed what would be happen ending if the school had never had this luxury parking facility in the first place.
- Parents themselves commented on the selfishness of parents in their driving outside the school and the Chillul Hashem caused.
- Mr Sager to contact Councillor Dean Cohen regarding an open meeting with parents regarding the driving and parking conditions on Hendon Lane.

KODESH AND HALF TERM

- The timings are not great as 8.40 is very early and 12.00 is not very helpful for working parents.
- Menahel said the problem is that Rebbes have jobs in the afternoon.
- He also does not want to change it and does not feel the Va'ad Ha'Chinuch would support such a change.
- There as a further discussion about this, how well Fridays work and occasional difficulty with arrival times on Sundays.

KODESH SHEETS

- The sheets are very good but can be difficult with timing.
- Menahel said that it can work in different ways with boys – works well for some, not others.