

**Churston Ferrers Grammar School
Minutes of School Forum Meeting
Held on Tuesday 30 October 2007**

Present: Mr King, Mrs Foot, Mr Bourne, Form representatives
Apologies: Mrs Banham,
Minuted by: Mrs Wakeham

1	<p>Minutes of the last meeting: The minutes of the last meeting were agreed.</p>	
2	<p>Matters Arising: Listeners – Ideas/suggestions from the previous forum meeting had been passed on to the Senior Management Team and the Pastoral Policy Group for discussion Commendations – the proposed commendation working party from the last meeting did not take off successfully last term – Mr King requested volunteers from year groups 7-11 to form a working party to continue to monitor the progress of the commendation system. The working party will meet at lunchtimes dates to be arranged by Mr King</p>	<p>SMT AJK</p>
3	<p>Parliament feedback – Seb Martens Redevelopment of the skate park – the school has been approached about the skate park next to the memorial ground – whether to keep the park or redevelop it into something else. Form reps to discuss with their tutor groups and bring ideas to the next meeting Fair trade chocolate – do students want to have fair trade chocolate only in school Suggestions and comments from the Forum were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the healthy option of selling chocolate • offer choice of both fair trade and other makes and sold at the same prices • more expensive to buy fair trade • to have the choice of white and dark fair trade chocolate • price of fair trade goods reflects that fact that the purchase is doing some good somewhere <p>Head Boy and Girl – Mr Owers has suggested to the parliament whether pupils would like the re-introduction of a Head Boy and Girl in school</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the suggestion was received positively by the Forum • more interactive in school • 6th former of other year group • Would Head Boy/Girl also be Head Prefect – clarification of the role is required • Good for CV • Head Boy and Girl or Head Prefect for houses suggested <p>Houses – Forum responded positively to the suggestion of using houses for assemblies/sports days/games etc</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Suggestion for better names for the houses <p>More information for both house and head boy/girl will be brought to the next meeting</p>	
4	<p>Children In Need at CFGS There is a strong tradition at CFGS for supporting the Children in Need campaign and local charities. Mr Bourne brought some information about the Exeter Branch of the Multiple Sclerosis Society (see attached leaflet) to the meeting for the Forum to consider supporting as part of the Children in Need fundraiser. The Forum discussed the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pooling all the CIN funds raised by CFGS to the BBC CIN Appeal in order to support a more wider range of needy causes • School to support one local charity only instead of spreading the amount raised over three or four local charities as in the past two years • Introduction of an annual charity day supporting one charity only – similar to the annual Famine Fast event • Supporting one charity can be more personal approach • Introduce regular charity events throughout the year for individual charities <p>Suggestions of charities to support from Forum:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Devonair Ambulance • Children’s Homes for Orphans • Coombe Pafford School • Bidwell brook School • NSPCC – locally • Cancer Research – local • Rowcroft Hospice • Young Carers • HAT (Help A Teenager Appeal) 	

	<p>Other ideas included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • charging those pupils that do not wear correct uniform • include an overseas charity to support as the school has international status • Mrs Foot has information to support Oxfam • World Vision – for children with Aids • Introduction of a fundraising 'target board' 	
5	<p>Premises Update – Mrs Foot</p> <p>Football pitches – the pitches have been levelled, From January the sowing of the grass seed will commence and the pitches will be ready for light use from April and full use from September 2008. There will not be Astroturf on the pitches. The project has gone over budget by 4K. This means that cutbacks have had to be made and the use of 'green' products has been eliminated – eg the water recycling system in order to save in the region of £150k. The current building projects in school has affected the refurbishment of other areas for example the refurbishment of the toilets. Mrs Foot will come back to the Forum for ideas on other areas in the school for improvement over the next year. The Learning Resource Centre will be completed by September – fundraising to equip the new centre.</p>	
6	<p>Catering – Mrs Banham</p> <p>There will a catering update at the next meeting</p>	
7	<p>Any Other Business</p> <p>Some tutor groups show disinterest in the work of the Forum – Mr King requested that the reps must go back to their forms and discuss what the purpose of the Forum is, what the form reps responsibility is and feedback comments at the next meeting.</p> <p>Request for form rep badges</p>	
	<p>The meeting closed at 3.40pm</p>	