

KS2/3 School Council Meeting Minutes.

Date of meeting: 22nd November 2023

Present:

Mr Hill	Deputy Headteacher
Andrea Birkett	School Business Manager
DV	
ZB	
BR	
BB	
JR	
JS	
JH	
DDJ	

Apologies:

Clare Malston	Assistant Headteacher - KS2/3
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Agenda:

Function of the School Council:

Councilors were reminded that the function of the school council was to represent your Year group and to raise any issues that are heard so we can help make small changes if possible. Small ideas can make big changes. Any ideas should be brought to the meetings even if the School Council representatives do not agree with the ideas. Every student in the school has a voice. Each representative will speak to their year group in department activities or registration to explain their role and how they can make changes.

There will be a board in the reception area of the school with photos and names of all the school council members. This board will show all the achievements from the school council this year.

- Today we are going to do our first 'whole lesson' School Council meeting - As the council this year have so many ideas, we are running out of time in our usual slot so we are going to try whole

lesson meetings to give us more time to explore agenda items in depth.

- Parent Tours

There will be parent tours this year - usually every month. Many of last year's council helped. New councilors were told that in order to be selected to help with the tour; members need to attend all lessons and wear school uniform. Mr Hill took a list of those that were willing to help. (These are BR, BB, JR, JS, JH & DDJ. ZB is new to the school and would like to see a couple of tours first before he decides)

New Ideas:

Badges have arrived and been distributed.

- More mufti days - a plan will be discussed by SLT. We had a quick chat around possible charities we could support. Cancer and make a wish were mentioned but we will discuss this further at a longer meeting. Further discussion - we discussed other charities. Councilors were given the job of discussing with their year group so we could present some suggestions to SLT. There are days coming up soon.
- More gaming stuff - possibly a gaming room for KS2&3 - this was mentioned as an idea for the new Willow building. Other suggestions were the middle room in Primary? To be discussed at a staff meeting. This led into a bigger discussion about our plans for a new technology block. Councilors came up with lots of suggestions for room usage in the block or for the classrooms that may become available - these included a sensory room, a games room and a big discussion around a JCR (Junior common room) Students are aware of the 16+ common room and think it would be a great idea for KS2/3 - this could include table tennis, pool table, a chill out seated area etc.
- A few things around school dinners - this will be a good discussion at a longer meeting. Mrs. Birkett explained the current offer. There seemed some confusion but as it was explained students

- were able to see that there were options and they understood why options could not be limitless
- More tablets / iPads - for SLT. Mr. Hill and Mrs. Birkett explained how IT resources are allocated and continuously updated. The council agreed they get a good deal compared to other schools they know about through friends and family
 - A zip line - needs more discussion. Not part of the current Primary play area plans but open for discussion. Space is a limitation for this.
 - Fixing and maintaining the football nets on the field. - passed on to the PE and Site departments
 - More swings for the MUGA - needs more discussion. Everyone agreed that there is a need for more swings. Primary may be getting their own and this would free up some swings.
 - A wheelchair accessible swing for the MUGA area - A lovely idea!! We need to do some research and present an idea to the SLT. JH is going to look into the idea of wheelchair accessibility and come back with some examples and prices.

New Ideas

- Future options in KS4 - could there be a modern foreign languages option?
- More metal working
- A sensory / calming room for students - possibly in the new building? See above
- A dedicated drama studio. See above
- Improve sandwiches - at the moment it is ham or cheese or egg. Can we have lettuce, mayo, tomatoes, melted cheese, cucumber etc? See above.
- More lunch discussion (see above) crisps, fried chicken, spicier food. See above.
- Can we do a school play or performance.
- Pool table See above.
- Table tennis table See above.
- Fix holes in the field? Passed on to the site team
- Golf
- The outside gym needs updating - The council believes the outside gym needs replacing not updating. Councilors were asked to look up equipment and come back with examples and prices. Mr. Hill to take

this to SLT to see how much funding we might be able to get for this.

- Are we having a Christmas fayre this year? **Yes**
- Can we refresh the nut walk and use it more? **Yes - Lots of students would like to be involved in refreshing the nut walk. Mr. Hill is trying to work out the logistics of this so we can get as many people involved in this project as possible when the weather improves in the Summer Term.**
- Can the MUGA be improved - higher fences, larger area, and drainage?

An incredible discussion - as you can see we didn't get to everything but what a lot we got through - well done everyone!

When we discussed the end of Willow building a lot of students said they would like to be involved in the demolition! Mr. Hill explained why this would be very, very unlikely but he will talk to the school to see if students can watch (or it is filmed if, more likely, it is during a school holiday

The School Council Noticeboard will be updated with photos of new members and their suggestions and ideas.
Minutes will be published on the website

Date of Next Meeting:

- TBC - After the Xmas Holidays!!