

School Council Minutes

Wednesday 8th July 2015

Staff: Miss Nicholson and Miss Whiteley

Present: Aoki (Y1SH), Vivekh (Y1SH), Stella (Y1CC) Euanson (Y1CC), Paarshvr (Y2SB), Maisie (Y2SB), Rhea (Y2MS), Joshua (Y2MS), Mya (Y4CN), Bardia Y4CN), Priya (Y4PH), Liam (Y5RK),

Did not attend: - Ben (Y3H), Charlie (Y3SG), Scarlett (Y3DG), Bailey (Y5CM), Carmen (Y5CM), Alex (Y6MJ), Daniel (Y6MJ), Caitlyn (Y6JJ), Hanssel (Y6JJ)

1. Welcome

Miss Whiteley welcomed the school council representatives to the final meeting of the year.

2. Yorkshire Rows and charity fundraising feedback

Miss Whiteley re-capped on what was discussed at the previous meeting and asked class representatives for any feedback from their classes. The council first gave feedback regarding inviting Yorkshire Rows into school to talk about the challenge that they will be doing in December and raising money for their chosen charities.

Liam stated that his class thought that this was a great idea and this was echoed by representatives from year 2(SB) and year 4(PH). The other representatives had not discussed with their classes.

Miss Whiteley then asked the representatives what their classes thought about having each 'house' support a single charity for either a year or per term (same four charities but different house supporting them each term).

Maisie fed back that half her class thought that this was a good idea while the other half thought it better to support lots of different charities.

Priya said that her class thought it would be good to change the charity every term and Rhea's class thought the same.

Action:

Miss Whiteley to contact Yorkshire Rows to arrange a date for them to visit school

Miss Nicholson and Miss Whiteley to decide the process used to determine which charities are supported next year.

3. Election of School Council Class Representatives

Miss Nicholson and Miss Whiteley asked the council how they were elected, Mya and Bardia said that everyone who wanted to be a member of the school council had to stand at the front of the class and tell everyone why they wanted to be the class representative and then the class voted. This was how reps were voted in a number of classes while a few said that the teacher nominated the representatives.

Miss Whiteley talked about slightly changing the way that the class representatives were chosen by asking interested children to write down why they wanted to be on the council and what they planned to do and why others should vote for them (a manifesto). There would be no name on the manifestos and children would be asked to vote on who they thought would make the best representatives without knowing who they were voting for other than that they were a boy or a girl. They would vote for one boy and one girl.

Miss Nicholson asked if the council should be made up of two representatives from each year group rather than from each class to make the council a little smaller. The council thought that this was a good idea.

Miss Whiteley then asked if within school council there should be particular roles so that each person had a responsibility in addition to feeding back to their class/year group. Again this idea was received well and the council said that this was a good idea.

Miss Nicholson asked the council as this was their last meeting for the year if they had enjoyed being part of the council, what they had enjoyed most and if there were any improvements that could be made.

Bardia said that he enjoyed the garment workshop and this was echoed by several other representatives. Liam and Mya said that they both liked

interviewing candidates for job as it enabled them to be part of the interview process and potentially choose new teachers and gave them empowerment.

Carla thought that meeting every fortnight was not enough, why were meetings cancelled and that she thought the school council should meet every week. Miss Nicholson explained although they are scheduled every other week sometimes they are cancelled due to events in school or if there is nothing to be discussed while other times if there is a lot to talk about the council might meet every week during this time.

Miss Whiteley asked if the council would like people to come into school to talk to them, speakers. The council liked this idea and would have liked this to have happened this year.

On the whole the feedback from the council representatives was positive and they agreed that they had all enjoyed being part of the council and were a little sad that next year that they wouldn't be.

Action:

Miss Nicholson and Miss Whiteley to agree election process and implement.

4. AOB

None

Next Meeting : September 2015