

School Council Minutes
Wednesday 6th July 2016

Staff: Miss Whiteley

Present: Mya (Y1 EC), Lana (Y1CC), Kyron (Y2SB), Rhiannon (Y2MS), Daniel (Y3PH),
Jai'von (Y5CL), Brikena (Y5/6)

Not Present: Faheem (Y1FA) and Zain (Y\$DM) – Eid, Kaela (Y5CL) – Study group, Jaya
(Y6MJ), Hamza (Y5/6RK), Isha (Y5/6RK) Zedekiah (Y5CL), Simrath (Y4DM), Cheani
(Y4CN) and Amber (Y3MC) –????

1. Welcome

Miss Whiteley welcomed school council to the last meeting of the school year.

2. Feedback from Previous Meeting

School Council were asked by Miss Whiteley for any issues that children in their
classes wished to raise at the Leeds Youth Voice Summit in September.

Several class representatives had already raised and discussed issues with their
classes and fed back to the council at the previous meeting, however, there were
number of classes that had not yet done so. Unfortunately the same classes had still
not taken the opportunity to raise any issues that were important to them.

Action:

***Representatives who have not yet discussed and asked their class for 3 issues
that they would like to have discussed at the summit should do so and
feedback to Miss Whiteley no later Friday 15th July.***

3. Trim Trail Update

Miss Whiteley showed School Council the illustration that she had created of the new
trim trail and advised them that it was also displayed on the school council notice
board and on the blog.

School Council were informed that work on the new trim trail would take place from
24th October to 2nd November. The representatives were excited about this prospect
and couldn't wait to tell their classes.

4. Successes and Failures

As this was the last meeting of the year the representatives were asked by Miss
Whiteley what they thought were the successes of this year's School Council and
what they had enjoyed most

Jai'von was first to speak and said that he had enjoyed being able to represent his
class and have a say in decisions. Several of the others agreed. He then added we
will have a new trim trail which we helped design.

Brikena said that she liked most about being in school council for her was being involved in the interview process she said "I liked being able to interview people for teacher's jobs best" For Daniel this was also his favourite part.

Daniel also mentioned assisting in organising takeover day and helping to choose charities for the four school houses.

Lana said that she like helping with the Queen's 90th Birthday celebrations and assemblies, several of the others voiced this as well.

Miss Whiteley then listed some of the things that school council have been involved in this year:

- Choosing House Charities
- Fundraising
- Takeover Day
- The School Safe Guarding Poster
- Leeds in Bloom
- Tables for Nursery
- Fairtrade Fortnight
- Allerton's Got Talent 2016/2017
- Interviewing
- Queen's 90th Birthday Celebrations
- Buddies
- Trim Trail
- Leeds Youth Voice Summit Issues

Miss Whiteley then asked the council representatives what they thought the failures of the council were. Brikena and Jai'von said that they didn't like that everything took so long.

Brikena also stated that lots of people hadn't come to the meeting again and questioned that the meetings were at the wrong time. Miss Whiteley asked why as they had been timetabled at the start of the year to coincide with singing which was thought to be the best time. Brikena informed Miss Whiteley that it was when they did sports and that everyone wants to do sports. Miss Whiteley argued that it had only really been a problem this term. She also reminded them that they had been voted to be representatives and be the 'voice' of their class surely they had made a commitment and owed their class representation and actually sometimes you have to make sacrifices. Miss Whiteley advised school council that the only other time to meet would have been during lunchtime but that could have proved difficult with staggered lunches or after school had once been suggested but Miss Whiteley had preferred to schedule the meeting during the school day. The council were in agreement that during the school day was best.

Miss Whiteley asked if they got frustrated by people not discussing with their classes and feeding back as this could be part of the problem why things took so long. They said yes and that they weren't always given time for class discussions or it was so long after the meeting that they then forgot.

Action:

(i) Miss Whiteley to ask teachers to ensure that the school council representatives have ample time to talk to their class about what was discussed at the latest meeting and make any notes so they can feedback at the next meeting.

(ii) Miss Whiteley to suggest that this takes place the following day so it is less likely to be forgotten about.

Miss Whiteley thanked the council representatives for all their hard work and valuable contributions this year and although they could not be involved in school council again hoped that they might apply to be part of one of the Helping Hands teams next year.

Next Meeting: tbc - September