

School Council Minutes

Wednesday 12th October 2016

Staff: Miss Whiteley

Present: Lucy (Y1CC), Declan (Y1EC), Aayah (Y2SB), Gerardas (Y2HS), Joshua (Y2MS), Eloise (Y3DC), Liam (Y3WB), Isaac (Y4DM), Brooke (Y4DM), Alexia (Y4CC), Yjesh (Y4CC), Kacey (Y5SK), Stefan (Y5SK), Toni (Y6MJ), Deivid (Y6MJ), Abdul (Y6RK), Isobel (Y6RK).

Not present: Stella (Y5LM), Toby (Y5LM)

1. Welcome

Miss Whiteley welcomed the school council representatives and House Captains to the meeting.

2. House Charities and Fundraising

Miss Whiteley introduced the House Captains to the council and explained the reason why they had been invited to the meeting.

Miss Whiteley asked for any charity nominations from classes and any fundraising ideas.

Animal charities or helping people were suggested by Year 1(CC). Year 1(EC) would like to support Make a Wish Foundation, Year 3(WB) would like to help Guide Dogs for the Blind and St Gemma's Hospice, Year 6(RK), 6(MJ) and Year 4(CC) would all like to help St Gemma's Hospice too. Other charities that children would like to be considered were the RSPCA which both Year 4(DM) and Year 5(SK) mentioned. Both year 6 classes and Year 5(SK) suggested Water Aid. The NSPCC and the British Heart Foundation were also put forward by year 5(SK), RNLI (Year 6(MJ), the Anti-Bullying Alliance and MAECare Year 4(DM) would be keen to assist.

Next Miss Whiteley asked if the classes had had any ideas of how we could raise money for the four chosen charities and Year 4(CC) suggested cake sale or a PJ Day (pay a £1) and Year 6 would like to organise a game of Bubble Football to raise money.

Deivid also put forward the idea of having a technology day in KS2 where children are invited to bring into school tablets etc and pay £1 to do so.

The council went onto to discuss how the House Captains could be involved with the fundraising and Miss Whiteley explained that they would head each of their house fundraising teams. That they would be required to recruit additional members including 2 members of staff to assist with the organisation and running of any events on the day.

Action: Representatives: to share with their classes about what was talked about.

House Captains: to recruit a minimum of 4 additional members for their team (a maximum of 8 including House Captains on each team plus staff).

3. Takeover Day

For the previous two years school has participated in the national event of Takeover Day, Miss Whiteley then continued to explain to the council that Takeover Day is held on a specific day in November (18th November this year) and children can apply to takeover an adult's job for a specified time. This has been successfully done in school from the Headteacher, teachers, caretaker, librarian, front desk to kitchen staff and also MAECare, Moor Allerton Library and at Leeds City Council.

Action: School council representatives to ask their classes if they would like school to participate in Takeover Day again.

4. Communication of news, suggestions and comments

School Council received a letter from Mrs Stott asking if they could discuss the use of comment boxes in school and if they thought they were effective way of communicating.

Miss Whiteley showed school council examples of the slips currently used and asked what they thought.

The representatives all agreed that they thought that comment boxes were a good idea but weren't always used well. They liked the idea of colour coding the slips for example, blue for a general comment or suggestion to their class teacher, green for a worry and yellow for something that they wanted raised at school council.

Action: Representatives to ask their classes

- (i) Do you find these a useful way to communicate?***
- (ii) Should each class have a box?***

5. AOB

Next Meeting Wednesday 19th October