



School Council Minutes

Friday 4th November 2022

Staff

Miss Whiteley

Pupils

Seb (Y1B), Charlotte (Y1F), Kendall (Y1DT), Maisie (2B), Vidya (Y2S), Bobby (Y3A), Darnell (Y3C), Amber (Y3H), Kara (Y4SH), Zain (Y4SH), Sameer (Y4C), Amrit (Y5C), Archie (Y5C), Joshua (Y5S), Elinoy (Y5S), Aariz (5P), Scarlett (Y5P), Ashleigh (Y6C), Reuben (Y6C), Miya (Y6EC), Rio (Y6EC), Tilly (Y6TC) and Atheiro (Y6TC)

Apologies: Eden (Y2D)

1. Welcome

Miss Whiteley welcomed Mrs Poole and all the councillors to the meeting.

2. Car Parking

Mrs Poole spoke to the council about parking and how some cars are dangerously parked while dropping children off at the start of school. Examples were provided and the representatives also shared some of their observations about how and where cars had been parked which often made it dangerous to cross the road.

Due to her concerns and through personal experience of almost being knocked down while crossing the road, Mrs Poole informed the councillors that she had contacted both Leeds City Council and the Police to request their assistance.

It was then discussed how we could monitor the parking and report back to Leeds City Council with some evidence to support our concerns.

The representatives suggested that we select a week in which to go out every morning and make a note of the number of cars parking and location and if it is a safe place to do so using a tally chart.

Miss Whiteley added that the number of cars may vary depending upon the weather so it was agreed that if the week selected had dry weather every day then a day forecast rain would be included at a later date.

Some of the councillors then suggested that perhaps that talking to parents might help through either an email or the newsletter or both. Miss Whiteley mentioned that only a few days earlier that Allerton High had sent out a letter to parents regarding parking and at Nursery Lane cars parking for both schools may be causing problems as well as along Lingfield Approach.

The reps thought that the tally charts should be used on both roads. It was suggested that we call this Parking Patrol. It was agreed.

Miss Whiteley asked if any children might like to help with counting the cars. She explained that it would mean arriving at school earlier than normal.

Amrit, Rio, Miya, Reuben, Ashleigh, Amber and Kendall all said that they they would like to help.

Miss Whiteley then asked if anyone would like to be involved in collating the data and helping to write a report of the findings.

Tilly, Joshua, Bobby, Elinoy, Sameer and Keira all said that they would like to be involved in undertaking this task.

Action: Reps interested in helping with the Parking Patrol to ask their parents/carers if they would be able to arrive in school earlier every day for a week and to let Mrs Poole or Miss Whiteley know.

3. Sensory Garden

Following on from the discussion at the last meeting, some councillors provided feedback from their classes; Amrit and Elinoy had visited Reception and the children had suggested having berry bushes, daisies, sunflowers, wind chimes and painting the fences purple.

Y5C suggested a stream and a grass roof while Y5S thought cushions and plants should be included in the garden.

Y6C thought that benches, flowers and fruit and flower baskets on hooks would be good and Y6TC would like the garden to have beanbags, cushions, benches and thought leaves.

Y6EC said that the garden should have a feelings chalkboard, plants, and a water feature with pebbles.

Y4C and Y5P opted for similar ideas with bird feeders, bug hotels, fairy lights, dream catchers and a quiet area for reading on their list.

Miss Whiteley then asked the council to divide up into small groups with reps from a mixture of year groups and to begin to design a sensory garden including some of the ideas that had come from classes as well including any of their own.

Action: Representatives to discuss with their classes if they haven't already done so and feedback to Miss Whiteley before the next meeting.

4. AOB

International Cultural Day (possibly 25th June)

Tilly and Miya spoke to the council about the idea of having a day in school when children and staff can celebrate everyone's different heritages and cultures.

They thought that children and staff could either dress in their national costume or in colours of the flag of their country.

They said that they wanted to have lots of different things going on but thought that their fellow councillors may have some good ideas.

It was suggested that some parents could visit classes and read a story in their home language. Miss Whiteley suggested that children to learn to say hello or a greeting in all the languages spoken that were spoken in their class.

Discussed then about possibly some parents being invited in perhaps to teach children a dance, or a song.

It was then discussed how the celebration should come to end and Miss Whiteley talked about how we used to have an International Food Café every October (before COVID) and perhaps something similar could be organised with staff and parents being invited to bring in a dish to share.

Action: Tilly and Miya to write a proposition and speak with Mrs Stott and then to feedback at the next meeting.

Next Meeting is on Friday 2nd December at 2.00pm