



School Council Minutes

Friday 23rd February 2024

Staff

Miss Whiteley

Pupils: Seren (1C), Rohan (1B), Maya (1F), Hannah (2DT), Alexa (2H), Hajra (2B), Matthew (3C), Ava (3H), Bella (5S), Harlee (5S), Isabelle (6TC), Renaya (6TC), Oliver (6D), Debora (6D)

Apologies: Parishy (4A) – Trip, Amy & Jack – Macbeth Rehearsal

1. Welcome

Miss Whiteley welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. Playground Markings

Following on from Mrs Poole's visit at the last meeting, Miss Whiteley thanked the reps for completing their tally with their classes and advised the councillors that once Mrs Poole had collated the results that she would share them with the council and provide them with an update on the next step.

Action: None

3. Comic Relief

Miss Whiteley informed the councillors that the proceeds from this year's Colour Run would be going to Comic Relief and that the event would be taking place in March and that there would also be some classes baking with Mrs Elliot and then selling their cakes to raise money.

Miss Whiteley then asked the reps if they had any feedback from their classes regarding how else the school could raise money such as silly hairstyles etc.

Harlee (5S) informed the council that his class had suggested a Sports Kit Day where you could wear sporty clothes or even dress up as a sports star. Dress as a Rock Star, wear Pyjamas or come to school dressed as an animal.

Debora (6D) said that her class had also suggested Pyjamas and non-school uniform.

Bellia and Harlee's class suggested Movie Stars or famous people.

In addition to raising money by wearing something different to school Debra's class (6D) suggested that we should organise a raffle.

Action: Miss Whiteley to share the children's ideas with Mrs Stott and to then share any outcome with the council at the next meeting.

4. Food Ambassadors and WOW Ambassadors

Miss Whiteley informed the council that Mrs Elliot was looking at re-introducing Food Ambassadors and was seeking School Council's assistance with initially gaining their thoughts on the following questions:

1. What are you most proud of about your lunchtimes?

The Recognition Board and the food – Alexia (2H), Pudding especially the cakes – Ava (3H), Apple pie and custard – Bella (5S), the dinner staff – Hannah (2DT)
Being able to talk with friends and spend time together – Olivia (5P)

2. What would you like to improve? What could be better?

Children could eat more carefully so that they are not dropping food all over the floor – Hannah (2DT), Try to reduce waste – there is a lot of food that is thrown away – Renaya (6TC), bigger portions – Ava (3H) & Elijah (5P)

3. How can we make our dining rooms great places to eat?

'More food stations to serve food from in order to reduce queues as often the queues are really long and then sometimes you don't get very long to eat' – Bella (5S) Harlee agreed with this comment.

To have benches at the tables like in the dance studio as the stools are too small – Elijah (5P). Have some music playing – Bella (5S) & Olivia (5P)

4. How can we help everyone at ACE to eat a healthy, nutritious meal so that they are ready to learn, love and flourish?

Promote the salad Bar as not many people eat the salad, just the cucumber.

Have a bigger variety of vegetables as most days just have either peas, sweetcorn, potatoes and broccoli and sometimes cauliflower.

Make some posters with vegetable characters reminding people to eat their vegetables – Olivia (5P)

5. How can we reduce food waste in school?

Offering different portion sizes – Olivia (5P), offer rewards such as stickers for children in Reception/KS1 that have eaten all their food – Isabelle (6TC).

6. How can we make the lunchtime environments calm, organised places where we can enjoy the social side of eating together?

If a child keeps on shouting out issue them a 'shouting out' warning ticket.

After eating to have some kind of activity eg. colouring in – Ava (3H). Elijah (5P) highlighted that they tried that once before but it meant that a lot of paper was being used.

WoW Ambassadors

Miss Whiteley mentioned briefly to the council about the WOW Ambassadors and school enrolling in a national program where schools are in competition with one another and children can earn points to get badges by either walking, cycling or scootering to school.

The council were asked if anyone would like to be involved with working with these Ambassadors and Isabelle (6TC), Seren (1C), Bella (5S), Hannah (2DT), Debora (6D), Ava (3H), Elijah (5P) and Olivia (5P) all said that they would.

Action: Miss Whiteley to share comments with Mrs Elliot and Mrs Thomson.

5. AOB

Bins

Renaya (6TC) brought to the council's attention about the litter that was often found along the Nursery Lane path. Other councillors agreed that often that there was.

Renaya asked if school could buy a couple of bins to put along the path to try and help reduce the amount of litter.

Bella (5S) added that perhaps there could be litter pickers at the side of the bins and Matthew then suggested that there could be some litter pickers at the external gate and then children could use them to pick litter up as they walked and then to hand them in to whichever member of staff was on the internal gate.

Miss Whiteley thought that this was a great idea and asked if any of the reps who walked along the Nursery Lane path would be prepared to do this on a rota basis perhaps once or twice a week and they agreed that they would like to help.

Action: Miss Whiteley to speak with Mrs Stott to discuss.

Next Meeting is on Friday 8th March at 2.00pm