

School Council Meeting on Tuesday 21 May 2013

Staff and Students Present:

Year 7: Sapphire Jackson-Yoxall 7N; Harry Bailey-Young 7F; Aisling O'Connell 7S Year 8: Lorna Kerr 8N; Ethan Hughes;
Year 9: Corey Weaver 9S; Dulcie Thompson 9B; Seren Kitchener 9S; Year 10: Florence Lester 10D; Will Richardson 10T;
Year 11: Hebe Hiom 11N; Alex Smith 11S; Amy Wallace 11F; Natalie Haines 11N; Tom Jackson 11T; Staff: Mr Saunders;
Mrs Green; Mr Holbrook; Mr Caldwell; Governor: Mrs Webster.

Apologies: Mrs Byrne

- Mr Caldwell started the meeting by thanking the students for their very positive input to the recent OFSTED inspection. The whole school responded in a positive manner and highlighted what is so good about being at Warneford.
- Mr Caldwell thanked the Senior Prefects for their work this year and gave them a small thank you gift. Mr Saunders commented on the work of the prefects and thanked them for their outstanding efforts.

• Action from previous meeting

1. Help for Heroes team quad bike race. Year groups to come to the meeting with ideas to help them raise money. Year 10 vs Teacher football match – unable to do this because of the contact element. Perhaps, rounders, netball, tennis?
2. £100 from Highworth Lions – Hebe, Dan and Dulcie to investigate how we can make this money grow. Event for year 6s to raise money and help them adjust to Warneford. Year 10 Young Enterprise selling T-shirts.
3. Hand dryers in the toilets – up-date from Mr Holbrook. Possibly in summer holidays.
4. £700 from Mayor's Council Charity Fund (Mrs Webster). Year teams to discuss how the school could use this money. Re-furbish lower school cage. Benches under shelters. More tables. Fix water fountains. See if it is possible to put a water fountain under the shelter.

5. Sports ambassadors to organise 6 a side football tournament – progress report. Possibly charge to enter and the money could go to ‘Help for Heroes’. Summer fair?
6. School council reps to talk to their year councils regarding the ‘Lions Young Leaders in Service Award’ – what was the response? Try again before the next meeting. Mr Caldwell will put together an information sheet about what it is all about. Talk to Mr Mckinstry about running it alongside the D.O.E. award.
7. Senior Prefects to go into assemblies to talk to pupils about ‘respect’ to include the environment – How is this progressing? – Mrs Green and Senior Prefects. Come back after exams? Or work with year 10s to launch it in the new school year. The power point for the assembly is complete.
8. Alex Smith to get in contact with David Lane, the Town Clerk to arrange a meeting about a skate-board park – who is attending the meeting in June? E-mailed it, David Lane hasn’t replied. Everything has been put on hold. Alex has now had a reply (22 May) and the meeting is on 11 June.

- The minutes of each meeting and agendas will now be put on the school website. This is new and started after the last meeting.

- This is the last year 11 students’ school council meeting. Mrs Byrne and the Year 10 reps need to think about some replacements from their year council. Mr Caldwell stated that the extra year 10 students would attend until the election of Senior Prefects in early September.

Year Issues: Year 7:

- Showers in the changing rooms are never used, so turn them into lockers. Football teams use them at weekends.
- Toilets smell and locks are broken. Once again pupils were urged to go to the main office and inform them of any problems which the caretaker could address.

Year Issues: Year 8:

- A few minutes longer between bells because people take longer than two minutes to walk from the field to their

form. MDSa'S to ring a hand bell so people on the field can hear.

- Pupils stated that Mrs Stanley felt that the voice of the lower school pupils was not heard as much as the upper school. All staff present felt that this was not the case and assured pupils that all issues got a fair hearing.
- Re-enforce upper and lower school toilets – who is allowed in each one? Mr Caldwell and Mr Holbrook will create signs to put on the doors of the toilets outlining who is allowed to use them. Also, prefects on duty near these areas will be asked to be vigilant.

Year Issues: Year 9:

- Shorts for boys. It was felt that this could cause problems for what is a smart uniform. Also, parents would have the added expense of buying 'designer' shorts.
- Year fundraisers for individual charities. Mr Caldwell stated that this would not be a problem. In fact some years have their own charity e.g. year 7 - LEPR

Year Issues: Year 10:

- Mocks too close to real GCSEs. Not enough time for them to revise for their real exams. This is going to be addressed by the senior staff of the school.
- French exchange? Pupils should see Mr Smale to see what can be done. Our previous school in France stopped the exchange.
- Finishing early just on Fridays. Survey needed.

A.O.B

- Ms Tremblin - school travel. Lower school to see her if they are interested.
- Year 11 donations for leavers present to the school. Perhaps this could happen on shirt signing day.
- Heads of years to meet with students to talk about homework, behaviour and rewards. Discuss the findings at the next council meeting.