

MINUTES OF SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING ON Wednesday 20 March 2013

Staff and students present:

Year 7: Catherine Bowdidge 7F; George Pellett 7F; Year 8: Lorna Kerr 8N; 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; Martijn van Eekeren 11N; Tom Jackson 11T; Adam Bartlett 11T; Charlotte Disbury 11T; Daniel Uzzell 11J; Staff: Mr Saunders; Mrs Byrne; Mr Caldwell; Mr Holbrook; Governor: Mrs Webster
Apologies: Mrs Green

Matters arising from previous meeting:

1. Corner of the cage very muddy – Mr Caldwell to talk to the caretaker to see what can be done. This will need to be re-surfaced at some stage to sort out the problem in the long term.
2. Dodge ball club (year 9) – Sports ambassadors to see Mrs Lakey. She is considering it – any news? What does everybody want? It needs to be a summary of what everyone wants, and how they can fit it around school life. Maybe do a questionnaire?
3. Hand dryers in the toilets – up-date from Mr Holbrook. – No further news.
4. Mats inside each door – Dulcie to do an audit. – There are now mats inside every door - apart from the P.E. department and some huts however they are carpeted anyway.
5. Senior prefects to monitor duties – has the situation improved? Yes, with the help of Mrs Green and the MDSA'S checking the lunch time rota.
6. Sports ambassadors to organise 6 a side football tournament – progress report: Hard to arrange for year 11's. Would girls be as interested as the boys? Perhaps do this at the end of June.
7. School website to go 'live' on 11 March. Very successful. If any information is needed to be put on to the website, then contact Mrs Iles in the front office. Mr Caldwell will look at a tab for the student voice.

8. School council representatives to talk to their year councils regarding the 'Lions Young Leaders in Service Award' – what was the response? Not much of a response. It's very easy to achieve. Let try again with our respective year groups.
9. Senior Prefects to go into assemblies to talk to pupils about 'respect' – How is this progressing? – Mrs Green/Senior Prefects. – After half term straight away, to include respect for our environment.
10. Alex Smith to get in to contact with David Lane the Town Clerk to arrange a meeting about a skate- board park. Representatives from Highworth Warneford to attend June meetings.

- Help for Heroes – team quad bike ride. How could we help them to raise money?
- Adam Griffin, managing director of Pine View parks.
- Paris to London in May.
- Maybe charge people for entry to 6 aside tournament.
- Our £100 from Highworth Lions – Hebe, Dan and Dulcie. (With help from Senior Prefects) They are going to investigate how we can make the money grow.

- £700.00 donated to the school from the Mayor's Charity Fund. How should we use this money?
- Rather it being spent on small things, the school council could maybe decide. Year groups to ask their councils to come up with some suggestions, possibly something which would benefit most pupils.
- Year 10's- Departments. Study Room possibly.
- Something that everyone could benefit by.
- Enrichment ideas.
- Tables and Benches- however often are expensive e.g. £300 each for a table.
- Greenhouse as well as using the money from TS-tech.

Year issues: year 7:

- **Cage Wire injuries- Children should not be kicking balls at fences and damaging them (Leather Footballs). The footballs may also injure someone.**
- **Raw Food and mouldy Food? If pupils come across this in the canteen then they should mention it to the kitchen manager – Mr Clinton.**

Year issues: year 8:

- **Boys Earrings – They feel are sexist- Governors didn't like this Idea and decided not to change the rules a few years ago (Year 8 council reps should write a letter to the chair of governors).**

Year issues: year 9

- **Litter in the senior cage resulting in shutting down the cage for other individuals.**
- **(Litter bins) – Duties (teachers and prefects) - Tutor registration could once again be used, on a rota basis, for litter picking.**
- **Girls house matches- House Matches (tennis) – People weren't bothered because it happened at lunch Times.**

Year issues: year 10:

- **Boys- Shorts in the summer instead of trousers. This would have to be approved by the governors who make the rules on uniform. However, it was felt that boys wearing shorts to play football may be something which would be looked at favourably.**

Year issues: year 11:

- **School Reunion – 5 years (tribute to Mr Thomas) Easy to achieve with the new website. Speak to Mr Molyneaux.**

A.O.B.

- **Mr Caldwell asked the council to divide up into four groups to discuss what issues year heads should address when canvassing the opinion of some of their year group – student voice. The following areas were identified:**
 - 1. How lessons were taught e.g. variety of engaging activities**
 - 2. Behaviour of pupils**
 - 3. Homework and teachers sticking to the allocated days**
 - 4. Awarding of merits**