

SCHOOL COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF MEETING  
10<sup>th</sup> of November 1.00pm

Mick Ellison, the Chair of the school Council welcomed the new council representatives and congratulated them on being voted into a position of responsibility. He described how the School Council was a way for the students to have their say in how to improve the school or bring things to the attention of the Headteacher that they thought would be good for everyone.

He also informed the new council members that Adam Smith, one of the post 16 students was going to have a position of responsibility as a School Council Assistant, and he would be doing things like ensuring people remembered the meeting and they could go to him as well as Mr Ellison if they had any ideas.

He also described that they would be using the link books as the council had done in the past.

As there are more classes and they have been using the current link books for some time, it was established that they would need new link books.

*Action:- Vicky to order new school council link books for the next meeting.*

The issues passed on to the School Council Representatives were then discussed.

**New Playground.**

Jordan Jones reported on behalf of the younger pupils that they are very pleased with the new playground and are enjoying it a great deal. There is much more to do and play with and it is much more interesting.

Members of the council who had been there in the previous year were pleased that their requests for new facilities and playground equipment for the Primary classes had been acted on.

**Premises Issues**

The issue of the water fountain water pressure was raised once again. There are still problems with it. It is too low, and people don't like to use it as they don't think it is hygienic.

Vicky reported that Andy had been having difficulty getting Gary Lewis at B&NES council to act on it as it was something to do with the water pressure in general that was affecting more than just the water fountain. It was suggested that maybe the school council would like to draft a letter asking if he could make it a priority.

Amber volunteered to draft something and pass to Vicky who would get approval from the Senior Management team before sending it.

It was also reported that there was a pipe broken in the boy's toilet.

Vicky reported that she knew Andy had been informed, but that she would chase him up.

Yr 9 would like a new clock for their classroom.

It was reported that the blinds won't shut in Mr Caine's room.

Several members of the Student Council reported that they thought the bell was ringing a few minutes early and could it be adjusted.

It was asked if the issue of the door closers had been resolved. Vicky reported that she believed it had but it was suggested that Adam would check out whether they had been adjusted enough before the next meeting.

*Action:- Adam to check door closers. Vicky to pass premises issues to Andy. Amber to draft letter regarding water fountain.*

### **Curriculum**

Oliver asked if it might be possible that in they have Maths followed by English with the same teacher first thing in the morning, if it would be possible to switch them around as students found maths hard to do when they had just come in. It had been swapped before for some reason and they found it easier to concentrate with Maths second.

Mick informed the School Council that they would soon be producing the first Fosse Way Flyer and it would have things in it such as an interview with Adam regarding the School Council.

### **ICT Equipment.**

Everyone was very impressed with the new computers and equipment for the ICT suite. The only thing that would improve it was if the old computers that had been stored under the desks were taken away as soon as possible.

### **General**

Anti-bullying Week.

Hannah reported that Carol Davis' class would be making their classroom into a drop-in area at break times where there would be people to talk to if they were worried about bullying or wanted advice. She asked the other council members to tell their classes that this would be going on all through the week of November 20<sup>th</sup>- 24<sup>th</sup>.

Jordan requested that some new footballs for break time as the majority of ones they have now are deflated and no good.

Troy asked why the free standing wall in the playground is actually there as it just seems to get in the way.

The option for basketball on a lunchtime or breaktime was discussed, but Adam reported when it had been organised last term, no one has used it and it meant the people who wanted to the pitch couldn't.

It was suggested that as the Food Tech room has a sign saying Food Technology on the outside that it would be good if the classrooms had signs, even just laminated signs that had on them what the rooms were know as rather than just numbers. They thought it would make it much easier for students or people on errands if they were sure that they were going to the right place. And that it would seem more welcoming too.

It was asked whether the designated MP3 and games room was going to be set up as had been reported in previous meetings.

Vicky presented the school council with a possible new template for merit slips as they had requested. They liked them but thought if there were going to be some in colour, then they would like the lettering to be rainbow coloured and a gradient filled background. Vicky to adjust the template.

*Actions:- Mick Ellison to pass on suggestions re signs, ask about the wall, the MP3 players and requests for new footballs to the SMT. Vicky to adjust merit certificate template. All Council reps to have informed their classes about anti bullying week,*

The meeting finished at 1.50pm

The next School Council Meeting is the 15<sup>th</sup> January.