

## School council Meeting 27th September 2019

**Present:** Anna 7L, Tyrrell 7S, Reggie Yr8, Princess 9A, Albie 9S, Abdul 9/10E, Ryley 10/11G, Richman 10/11J, Macha 10/11L, Jerome 10/11M, Khadijah 12L, William 12V, Mohamed 13K, Alan 13/14Ch, Emmanuel 13/14Co, Davion 14A

Mike

**Apologies:** Janiah 8R – attending swimming – views of class sent in and read out by Mike.

All school council members introduced themselves and welcomed each other to the first meeting of this academic year.

Each council member spoke about their class views, opinions and wishes for the coming academic year:

**Alan** – We would like more theatre trips, a 6<sup>th</sup> form disco, more off-site film trips, break time snacks and a 6<sup>th</sup> form SaLT club one day per week during the school day.

**Mike** explained that off-site trips to the theatre and cinema are fantastic but can be expensive. 6<sup>th</sup> form SaLT club and disco are things we may be able to think about running.

**Richman** – We would like more PE kit in school, his class are concerned some of the toilets get very messy during the day and this is a concern. They would like to see astro-turf in the MUGA (Multi Use Games Area), bigger portions for school dinners.

The class are keen to see a careers workshop of some kind.

**Mike** explained that pupils should be bringing their own PE kits and the school spends a lot of time, effort, electricity, water and washing powder on washing kits which pupils borrow already. Alan (site manager) tries very hard to keep toilets clean and tidy if messy ones are reported.

Astro-turf is very expensive and still needs looking after once put down.

Careers workshop is a great idea and Mike will speak with Nick and Eileen.

**Davion** – Sam says he wants no work in school, the class would like more trips and are keen for more Roots and Shoots.

**Mike** explained we come to school to learn and to learn we have to work. It is great to hear Roots and Shoots is a success and popular.

**Abdul** – 9/10E would like to have more lunchtime clubs – perhaps a sensory club for more complex pupils and a dancing club at lunch time.

**Jerome** – 10/11M talked about wanting a bigger climbing frame and swings, more discos to celebrate special events such as the Red Nose disco, maybe a World book day for example. Boxing and Karate clubs and a Pottery craft club.

10/11M are also keen on KS4 swimming.

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**Mike** welcomed the suggestions for the diversity of clubs and will consider pupils ideas. He also mentioned that instead of swimming the KS4 classes have 2 lessons of PE per week.

**Emmanuel** – 13/14Co are concerned about the portion sizes at lunch time, they are also keen on more trips to the theatre and more adventurous activities such as residential ones.

**Mike** suggested topping up the food portions with the salad available but understand the concerns. Mike will look at the other possibilities.

**Mohamed** – 13K agree with 13/14Co about food portions and residential trips. They would also like a lunch time PS4/ Wii club.

Mohamed also mentioned more Sports Leaders opportunities.

**Mike** explained were are trying to get pupils active and an agreement was reached on the potential of Wii Fit. Nick and Mike are working on the Sports Leader side of things.

**William** – mentioned more scooters in the playground and more trips for cycling such the BMX track.

**Reggie** – Yr 8 agree on portions sizes at lunch, they are keen on more balls in the playground, more lunch time clubs.

**Tyrell** – More footballs and tournament style in the playground so that everybody gets a chance. Albie agreed.

**Mike** mentioned that a tournament style is a good idea but we have to look at staffing and more balls could create tricky playground management for staff.

**Khadijah** – Food portions were again a talking point. A suggestion of a vacuum cleaner for the Science room and the tap is not working to get water.

**Mike** will mention water issue to Alan and Kevin.

**Albie** – Has a request from members of his class for Mac Book pro – for drawing and design apps. Making the net higher in the MUGA, greater menu choices, agreed with PS4 club and some more reward time at the end of the day.

**Mike** said that the Mac Book pro is very expensive but a good suggestion.

**Anna** – More hula hoops in the playground, swing equipment and a school pet.

**Mike** thanked her for the suggestions and complemented Year 7 on their contributions to the meeting.

**Ryley** suggested a healthy snack bar, more Halal choices and a Japanese club.

**Mike** – The school have already trialled healthy snacks through the Enterprise curriculum but said it is a very valid point. He was very impressed with the suggestion of a Japanese club and said this can possibly be linked to a Karate club.

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**Princess** – suggested more pizza, more basketballs, more bouncy castle opportunities and bars in the playground.

**Mike** – spoke about Highshore being a “Healthy School” and whilst pizza can be part of a balanced diet, too much pizza is not healthy.

**Macha** – more free time, volleyball in the playground, more cake at lunch and more pizza trips.

**Mike** – said that Volleyball in the playground is a great idea and will look into how best to organise and manage this.

**Janiah/ 8R** – New benches in the playground to make more space for sitting. Swings, slide and roundabout in the playground.

Water doesn't always come out of the drinking fountains – can this be fixed?

All members of the school council spoke up confidently for their form group's suggestions and opinions – Mike thanked everyone for their valuable contributions and for taking such an active part in what was his first School council meeting.