

## **School council Meeting 16 September 2015**

**Present:** Leah 7E, Caroline 7L, Blake 7S, Jamil 8/9, Sam D Garnet, Mohamed 9, Elizabeth 9, Montel 10L, Elin 10T, Chelsy 11J, Habib N 11N, Victor 12A, John 12K, Charlie 13J, Daniella 13S, Amran 14M, Peter – chairperson 8/9, Sue, Eileen

**Apologies:** William 8

Eileen welcomed everyone to the first council meeting this school year. She welcomed Peter our new chairperson. We all introduced ourselves and refreshments were given out. Eileen explained what would happen in the meeting and asked that we all listen to each other and contribute to the meeting.

### **Pupil Survey**

The pupil survey is very positive. Reps were given copies to take back to classes.

**Clubs:** Victor thinks we need different clubs. Suggestions included Table Tennis club in the evening, basketball club, dance group (girls), arts and crafts club

### **School lunches**

Pupils would like burgers and veggie burgers. Sixth formers don't like being last to eat. Concerns that vegetables and salad runs out. Year 7 said lunches were good compared to primary school.

### **School diaries**

The school council all bring their diaries to school and understand their importance.

### **Help with writing**

Charlie said sometimes we don't get enough help in class. Mohamed said year 9 sometimes needs more help in class. Chelsy said that in English other pupils get help and she would like help with writing. Eileen will discuss with class teams.

### **Feedback from classes**

**12J** asked for new footballs. Eileen said that they are ready also we have new playground equipment.

**10L, 11J, 11N, Y9, 13J, 10T** would all like more homework in all lessons. Eileen will let staff know.

**10L** want more trips and journeys. Eileen said that there will be at least 5 school journeys this year for the sixth form. We will do our best to increase the number of school journeys.

**12A** want more English lessons, swimming lessons are popular with everyone. 10L would swimming again. 11N would like a library. Eileen said that we are starting a mobile library. Peter and Elizabeth suggested using the atrium as a library space. Almost all counsellors wanted a library and said they would use it.

**11N** asked for break time clubs – Eileen said she would talk to staff. This was a popular idea.

**12A** would like more vegetables at lunch. They have run out by the time the sixth form eat.

### **ICT**

Some computers don't connect well to the internet or print to other classrooms. Eileen will speak to Mike & Pritesh.

**13J** like using the iPads.

**13S** would like a row of hooks for bags and coats – Eileen will speak to Alan. They would also like more support at times.

### **Fire Alarm**

Not all reps knew where to line up in a fire drill. Eileen will remind all teachers. The council thinks an assembly on fire alarms is a good idea. The council would like to know the names of the fire wardens.

### **Healthy School**

Peter spoke about the election and how he was chosen as school council chairperson. Peter campaigned on the school environment and healthy food. We broke into three groups to look at how we could be an even healthier school. Charlie and Victors' group suggested more fruits at lunch time. Habib's group suggested more gym style workouts. Peter and Eileen will meet with the PE team and with the kitchen team and report back.

Badges were given out to all council members. We were reminded of the importance of wearing our badges and of the responsibilities of being a council member.

Everyone agreed that they had been able to say what they wanted to in the meeting and had been listened to.