

School council Meeting Friday 6th March 2020

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

Mike

Apologies: Janiah 8R – attending swimming Davion 14A – road safe practice.

The minutes from the last meeting were accepted and actions addressed & explained.

The meeting was opened by the councillors receiving their new School council badges – designed by pupils and produced in-house in the Enterprise department by a class group.

Mike then continued the meeting by informing the council about the purchase of a number of adapted and regular bikes through a successful bid to the Guy's and St Thomas' Hospital Trust but he is not sure of the delivery date yet. It was discussed that one day per week during the summer term the Multi Use Games Area (MUGA) will be dedicated to bike-ability skills. It was suggested by **Mohammed** (13K) that Sports Leaders assist in facilitating this. **Mike** thanked him for the suggestion.

Action: Mike – when the bikes arrive, a day is to be selected for bike-ability and a rota of assistants to be decided.

Mike told the council that they had a budget of £250 to spend and handed out a number of catalogues for the council to find resources which they would like to purchase for use at playtimes for example. A number of suggestions were tabled and an outdoor circus skills set and a giant outdoor Lego-type construction set was agreed upon.

The next item on the agenda was the creation of a school blog/ podcast for the school newsletter and website. Mike suggested that this will be a good project for the School council to take on and he asked for a show of hands for volunteers to be part of the working party. A large number of the council members were keen to participate. **Mike** said that he will work on a rota and contact members next week to start the project.

Council members then spoke about their class suggestions:

Khadijah and Joshua – 12L are keen to have outdoor table tennis in the playground, more clipboards, more dictionaries and more chime time.

Mike explained that the outdoor table tennis tables take up a lot of space and that it has been a consideration in past years. The class can suggest chime time to their teachers and there are also recorded mindfulness minutes for use by classes and teachers on the school computer system. More dictionaries is something that **Mike** can speak to **Lizzy** about and clipboards can be ordered.

Action – Mike to speak to **Lizzy** about dictionaries and look for clipboards, **12L** to ask for more chime time from their teacher(s).

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Jerome – 10/11M – suggested more regular Mindfulness.

Mike asked **Jerome** if his class already do this and Jerome said he was keen to do more – **Mike** said he will speak to **Mabina** to check with her about this.

Princess – **9A** there is not enough space in the playground at times and sometimes the scooters get in the way.

Mike – Staff in the playground make sure the scooters are put away when there is a large number of pupils out there.

Harry – **10/11J** are keen to see new laptops, Halal food every day, attendance at more sports events, a sports day off-site, more headphones, residential trips and a BMX club.

Mike – Laptops are costly and we have just purchased new ones for the Computing department. Trips and event have to be shared out fairly so that all classes get opportunities to attend events. A sports day off-site reduces the amount of time that we have for activities for example the travel takes up time.

Bike club is coming.

Ryley – **10/11G** are keen for greater lunch choice and would like more help with stacking chairs after assembly.

Mike – When there is food left over we try to share it out fairly. He will ask other classes to help after assembly.

Jayden – **9S** is keen to see a Roblox club.

Mike – said that after looking into, the Roblox website is not a safe option for us to create or allow pupils to create online accounts therefore we wouldn't be very mindful of pupil online safety if we allowed this to happen.

William – **12V** like Mathletics, craft activities, parts of the menu, assembly and Play-skills. They would like to change parts of the menu have an opportunity to go to college, more Work Experience in the canteen, discos and to help with the chairs in the hall after assembly.

Mike – There is a new menu this week and that they can definitely help with chairs after assembly. There is also a disco for Key Stages 4 and 5 coming up at the end of term.

Macha – **10/11L** are keen for more trips.

Mike – there is London Transport Day coming up very soon (12th May).

Emmanuel – **13/14Co** would like more art supplies for Enterprise and Art such as different paint brushes. A vending machine or stall that sells healthy snack at break and lunch time. A sixth form laser tag trip, lunchtime board games club, woodwork classes and broken laptops to be fixed.

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Mike – will look into art supplies and speak to the relevant departments, a vending machine can be costly for the school and pupils but the healthy snack stall is a good suggestion. The lunch time board game club is also a very good suggestion.

Anna – 7L generally enjoy school and are happy to make new friends

Tyrell – 7S is happy with playing basketball and football in the playground but would like more basketballs in the playground.

Mike – we can get a few more basketballs but not too many as it can be unsafe if there are too many bouncing around.

Abdul – 9/10E would more spare PE and swim kits.

Mike - thanked him for the suggestion and said that there are plenty of spares of both kits – it is important everybody tries to bring their own.

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 another productive School council meeting.