

School Council Meeting



DATE: 28th June 2023

School Council Minutes

PUPILS PRESENT	STAFF PRESENT
Alfie B – 3C Layton F – Nurture Jacob G – 3A Riley G – 3D Jaye M – 3T	Nick Riggs – SMSC Lead & Teacher Jane Chapman – LBSM Lucy Curtis – LBSM Nicky Way – Admin, Minutes

OUTCOMES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

Nick welcomed everyone to the meeting and begun by following up on the last meetings actions. He had spoken with Julie in the kitchen regarding a buffet style breakfast. It was agreed that a Full English Breakfast would be more suitable like the one previously - which was very popular! This will take place during the next Theme Day.

Nick said they were not able to purchase the UFC 4 for PS4.

Nick also looked into the costing for buying a system with its own network. However, this is very expensive and there is too much damage going on around the school site. For example, one of the windows was broken the other day which is going to cost around £1200 to replace.

Nick spoke with Ste Sunners regarding the climbing frame in the Sports Hall and whether it could be added on a break and lunch. Ste told Nick that there were numerous staff who were also qualified to supervise. If climbing is something students are interested in they would need to go see Ste. **Riley G** expressed his interest in this. **Lucy** said that the football which takes place in the Sports Hall could go outside now that the weather is improving – Nick agreed with this.

Nick met up with Jo Jordan and they put together a proposal regarding dogs visiting the school site to help students with anxiety release. This was put forward to Rachel Davies, Headteacher, who was happy for this to go through, however, it would need to go through an Official Organisation as they will be insured correctly and will ensure that the dogs used are suitable for the school environment. Nick said this will hopefully start taking place in the next school year (September onwards).

Nick let the student council know that 3W were on Outdoor Ed so were unable to send a representative to the meeting. They did contact Nick prior to this asking for the top windows to be opened in the school during the warm weather. The windows are kept closed to prevent students from climbing onto the school roof. Nick will speak with Rachel Davies.

Jaye M also said that her tutor group had brought up the issues of the top windows being closed and how warm it is in the school and classrooms.

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Jacob G asked when the next pool tournament would be. Nick advised this would be either the 2nd or 3rd week into September and would follow the same format as before.

Jacob G also asked if another Mario Race could take place. Nick asked the group if they had enjoyed it the last time and would they want staff vs students again? **Alfie B** said this would be a really good idea! The rest of the group agreed.

Jacob G wanted to know if the football tournament would be starting again. Nick said he will look at this again in September and that any student representing the school must be able to behave appropriately when at the matches.

Alfie B said that one of the students in his tutor group would like toast as a reward in an afternoon and also to have fluffy blankets. Nick addressed the topic of the toast first – He asked if it was because the student was hungry at home time. Alfie replied that it wasn't due to this - it would be to encourage the student to stay in lessons and to do his work and the toast would be a reward for this. Nick said that the kitchen staff would have already gone home at that time and it would depend on which staff are available. Nick also said that rewarding with food can be sometimes seen as negative and the toast may just be eaten even if the students are not hungry. Nick will have a think about this.

Nick then addressed the blankets. He asked what the student wanted them for **Alfie B** replied that he didn't know. Nick suggested it may want to use the blanket for comfort and/or for a security feeling. Nick will speak to Chris Devaney (Teacher) however, when the weather is very warm it wouldn't be advised to use one.

Nick asked **Layton F** if his tutor had any suggestions or questions they wanted to bring up. **Jane** replied that Layton wanted to come to the Student Council Meeting to see how it all worked so was just there to observe. Andy Banks (Teacher) had made a suggestion of putting in an electric charging point in the car park. Some of the students didn't think this was a very good idea as not many staff drive electric cars. Nick suggested that this was a really good idea and may encourage staff to drive an electric car. Nick will speak with Rachel Davies about this.

Riley G suggested having an All Day Breakfast. Nick pointed out that it wouldn't be able to be done every day, however, one has been organised for the next Theme Day.

Riley G put forward a really good idea of students having swimming lessons. Nick confirmed that from September he would be taking part in Outdoor Ed sessions and that he is qualified to teach people how to swim so this could go on a rota.

Riley G also suggested having animal visits to the school. Nick said this takes place on Theme Days.

Riley G asked if students could access the music room during breaks and lunches and asked if the guitar and drumming lessons could be combined so a band could be formed. Nick said if students speak with their tutors and update their risk assessment it will be okay to access the music room. With regards to the band, Nick said the school do already have one called 'The Squirrels'. Nick will speak with Steve Wilson who oversees the band. Staff and students will play in the band and may have Izzie D (student) as a singer.

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Riley G said that Rio Y (student) had made a suggestion for a dance club but didn't request a time or day. Nick will speak with Leanne Robinson (LBSM) who has been trained in dance.

Riley G said his tutor group would like an international food day, with food served from different countries on the day. Nick thought this was a good idea but maybe it would be better having an international food week instead, with different food served each day. Nick will speak with Julie in the kitchen to see what can be put in place.

Jaye M stated that a number of students around school aren't happy with the portion sizes of the food at lunch and that everyone gets the same size portion. Jaye said the portion sizes should vary depending on the person. Nick stated that there wouldn't be enough in the budget to do this and who would make the decision of who gets more or less food.

Jaye M informed everyone that in September there will be a LGBT group starting in school. This will most likely be held on a Friday PM but it is not known what classroom will be used. This group will be open to anyone to raise questions or concerns they may have. Nick explained to the group what LGBT meant. Jaye also said that to begin with Jo Jordan (EWB Manager) and Vicki Harker (Cover Supervisor) will be supervising the group but after this herself and Jake W (3H) will be leading the group. Nick asked in what way could the group be promoted. Riley G suggested making posters, Jaye informed everyone that a poster is currently being designed. Jaye also said that there would be a pride day in July – a date has now been confirmed for Friday 14th July. More details will be

ACTIONS FOR NEXT MEETING

- **Nick** to speak with Rachel Davies regarding the opening of the top windows in school, also about a Car Charging point in the Car Park.
- **Nick** to have a think about whether or not toast should be served at the end of the day.
- **Nick** to speak with Chris Devaney about the blankets.
- **Nick** to put swimming lessons on the rota for Outdoor Ed commencing from September.
- **Nick** to speak with Steve Wilson about the school band.
- **Nick** to speak with Leanne Robinson regarding the dance club.
- **Nick** to speak with Julie in the Kitchen about International Food Week.

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