

School Council Meeting



DATE: 12th October 2023

School Council Minutes

PUPILS PRESENT	STAFF PRESENT
Alfie B – 3M Cian S – 3G Jamie B – 4W Jaye M – 4B Jenson R – Nurture Leo G – 3A Morgan S – 3J Rio Y – 3L	Nick Riggs – SMSC Lead & Teacher Jane Chapman – LBSM Rachel Lillford – Emotional Wellbeing Assistant Nicky Way – Admin, Minutes

OUTCOMES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

Nick welcomed everyone to the meeting. He then said that from the previous meeting swimming will now be taking place at Winifred Holtby from October half term and will be open to Year 8 students only. If this is successful then it will be rolled out to other year groups.

Nick then discussed that at Christmas there will be a talent show he also said that at the end of this meeting we will be discussing the position of Student President.

Nick said on the 16/17 March 2024 a Night Challenge Walk will be taking place. This involves two teams with 5 or 6 students and staff allocated to each team. Students and staff will meet around 3.00pm and head to Raywell. The start time for the walk is 6.00pm and usually finishes around 1.00/2.00am.

Jaye added that this is a 13 mile walk and boots and equipment are provided, during the walk you have challenges from the Fire and Ambulance Services.

Both Jaye and Jamie said it isn't an easy walk when you first attempt it as you don't know what to expect but it is manageable.

Nick then went around the room asking students if they or anyone in their class had anything they would like to bring up at the meeting?

Alfie B – Suggestions/Issues from 3M – None

Jamie B – Suggestions/Issues from 4W - None

Morgan S – Suggestions/Issues from 3J - None

Leo G – Had a few to bring up from 3A...

Keira D would like cushions for seats, bean-bags in the classrooms and blankets readily available.

Nick replied that there are cushions in the Rec Room – Keira and other students are very welcome

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to come and borrow one from there. Jane Chapman and Nick both said that bean-bags weren't a good idea as students argue over who should have them and they tend to open them and make snow angels out of the polystyrene balls.

Charlie S - More fun days off timetable and more days out with your Tutor Group.

Leon D - Update to a Playstation 5 and a bigger gym with more gym equipment. Nick spoke about the suggestions from both of these students. He said that to provide these things, students would need to remember that causing damage to the school comes out of the budget.

3A - Wants the school to be decorated for Christmas. Nick replied saying the school does get decorated in December. Keira would also like bigger portion sizes for lunch. Nick said this has been brought up at a previous meeting and this would be difficult to do as the catering department does have a set budget.

3A - Would like new colouring pens and pencils. Nick suggested that if these are needed for the tutor group then they would need to speak with their Tutor, Toby Adams to order them some. Rio Y suggested that if 3A wanted these for herself then she could always use their Epraise instead - Nick said that this was a really good idea from Rio.

3A - Would also like to have sofa's in the classroom. Nick asked the group what they thought of this idea. Rio Y said it wasn't a good one as the students wouldn't sit on the chairs provided. Morgan S said that the sofa they had before would have drinks thrown on it and was also urinated on. 3A asked if the classrooms could have comfy chairs like the teachers. Once again Nick asked the group what they thought of this idea. A couple of the students said that if they got the same chairs as staff then the students would be messing around and spinning on them and not working. Nick also said that these are expensive and would be impractical whereas the plastic ones we have are hard wearing.

Jenson R - Suggestions/Issues from Nurture - None, however, he would like to bring up the students breaking windows and other things around the school and would like them to stop - he suggested non-breakable windows. Nick said that the windows are reinforced already. Jensen would try think of ways to help stop this. Jenson then went on to mention the Fire Doors in the Rowan building and said that they are easy to kick open. Nick replied saying as they are fire doors everyone needs to be able to open them with ease and not have to push or force the doors open if they needed to leave the building.

Cian S - Suggestions/Issues from 3G

3G wanted faster computers in the classrooms. Nick said that if there were problems with individual computers then this should be reported to RM and would be replaced if they were too slow. Nick further went on to say that Sam Hodgson does have a lot of lap tops which are possibly faster and are at the moment sat in a cupboard. Students need to speak with their individual tutors if they feel they would benefit from one of these lap tops.

Jamie B – Suggestions/Issues from 4W

Jamie suggested that all of the computers in ICT were to be replaced. Nick stated that the other day whilst in the ICT room the computers were punched several times, so it wouldn't be worth spending the money replacing the ones we have at the moment unless students take more care of them.

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Jaye M – Suggestions/Issues from 4B

Jaye spoke of the Outdoor Ed, Duke of Edinburgh award and said that the students have been given a choice of what they wanted to do each week. Each tutor has their own choice and this works very well when certain things have to be done to get the qualification. Nick agreed with Jaye and said this does work well and has to be a tutor group decision and not an individual one.

Rio Y – Suggestions/Issue from 3L

Rio said 3L would like different meals for lunch. Nick asked what meals he had suggested but Rio replied that the class didn't give an example. Rachel Lillford said that we do have a good variety and a three week menu. Rio then left the meeting for a test.

Nick then wanted to discuss the Student President. He explained that the role would be showing visitors around, sitting on student panels at job interviews and coming to the Student Council Meeting. The 1st year saw Ty S become the Student President and he did a very good job. The 2nd year was Amy H who also did a good job. Nick asked the group if they thought it was a good idea that it would be only students in Years 10 and 11 who could put themselves forward. The students all agreed that this was a good idea. Nick then went on to ask who should vote for the students: **Staff Students Staff and Students**

Nick asked everyone in the room who all agreed that it should be staff and students who voted. Nick said he would send out an email informing everyone of what was happening. He will attach a form which students will fill in giving a reason what would make them a good student president or why they want to become a student president. Nick will then put these up around the school.

Nick asked if there was anything else that wanted to bring anything up.

Cian S - Would like to go home early on a Friday for the rewards. Nick said that this is only open to KS4 students and that there isn't enough transport to take everyone home and that all students do get to leave at an earlier time of 2.30pm.

Rio Y then came back into the meeting and said he did very well in the test!

Nick told Rio about the discussion regarding the student president. Alfie B then suggested a Vice School President also. Nick asked the group what they thought. Jaye said this would be a good idea, as if the School President wasn't available for any reason then the Vice President would be able to step in to help out. Nick asked the group for a show of hands who thought this was a good idea- everyone agreed.

Cian S - Suggested that it would be a good idea if there were more practical lessons in groups rather than individual tasks where you can help each other out. Nick agreed that this was a very good idea.

Nick thanked everyone for coming to the meeting.

ACTIONS FOR NEXT MEETING

- Nick to email staff with information regarding the Student and Vice President. Nick will also attach a form for students to complete if they are interested in applying.