

School Council Meeting



DATE: 7th December 2023

School Council Minutes

PUPILS PRESENT	STAFF PRESENT
Alfie B – 3M Leo G – 3A Marley M – 4B Morgan S – 3J Oliver B – 3T Sienna R – 4W	Nick Riggs – SMSC Lead & Teacher Toby Adams – Teacher Rachel Lillford – Emotional Wellbeing Assistant Nicky Way – Admin, Minutes

OUTCOMES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

Nick discussed the voting that had taken place for the student president. Only 1 student applied, which was Jaye M who had written a very detailed and lengthy statement. Nick asked if Jaye should become student president or should this be taken to another vote – bearing in mind we are already quite far into the school year.

Sienna – Thought Jaye was very sensible and should become president.

Rachel Lillford – Said she thought it was fair as a lot of work had been put into writing the statement and nobody else had applied.

Nick asked everyone if they thought Jaye should be president - all were in agreeance apart from 1 student. Nick then announced that Jaye was now our 3rd official school president.

Well done Jaye!

Firstly, Nick welcomed Toby Adams, Teacher to the meeting. He informed everyone that Toby will be attending all of the Student Council meetings and should Nick not be in then Toby would lead the meeting.

Nick asked the students if they or anyone in their class had anything they would like to bring up in the meeting.

Alfie B – Suggestions/issues from 3M.

Alfie hadn't had time to ask his class as he had only just found out about the meeting. He had an idea for a school newspaper. Nick and others commented that this was a really good idea and asked where he would get the information from and how often. Alfie replied that he could go around asking staff and students maybe once per week. Nick thought this maybe too much work and they both agreed that once per month would be more attainable. Nick suggested the staff Alfie would be best speaking to are Lee Thompson, Lisa Page, (himself) Nick Riggs, Shaun Birch, Ste Sunners and Steph Macarthur-Watson. Alfie would also like a comic strip to be included – Nick suggested Alfie himself take on this as he was extremely good at this sort of thing. A price of 10 epraise points was suggested (to be paid by the tutor).

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Morgan S – Suggestions/issues from 3J

3J wanted something different other than bean burritos and noodles, he was unsure what else could be put on the menu and suggested chilli. The pork and noodles are very popular. Nick asked Nicky about the menus, she said there are three different menus which are rotated weekly and a main meal and a vegetarian option are available. Nick will speak to Julie in the kitchen.

Leo G - Suggestions/issues from 3A

3A would like fair consequences for students who damage windows etc. They should be excluded and made to pay for the damage, and split the cost if more than one student is involved. Nick said that all damages comes out of the rewards budges. Students used to have 6 rewards per school year and now they only have 3 – Christmas, Easter and Summer. Nick said that breaking windows is very expensive to repair and are fixed by a company out of hours when there are no students in school. He also went onto mention that some students deliberately kick doors and windows even when they are not in crisis. Sienna R asked if there were any punching bags in school to help getting out any frustrations, Nick said there are some in the gym with hand-mits.

3A also suggested a bigger gym with more equipment, Marley asked if we could have a boxing ring. Nick said these were good ideas but how could they make the gym bigger and where would the boxing ring go? Marley said a wall could be knocked down in the changing room. Rachel did agree that the gym was becoming too small with the amount of students we now have. Nick put forward the idea of an outdoor gym. Some agreed saying this was a really good idea but some said it would be far too cold.

3A wanted to see if Nick could get more Beano comics, Nick said they used to have a subscription but this was cancelled as no-one used to read them. Nick will look into having the subscription re-instated.

Oliver B - Suggestions/issues from 3T

3T wanted an all-day breakfast at dinner. Nick said this was really popular before and will speak with Julie in the kitchen.

3T would also like a pineapple pizza, Nick asked if they wanted ham as well but was told they just wanted pineapple with nothing else on it. Nick will speak with Julie in the kitchen to see if this would be cost effective and to see if they could do this like a panini.

3T asked for more choices for rewards like spaces in food tech. Nick said he has already been speaking with John Parkinson and skateboarding and RSPCA have already been added but spaces are limited. Marley suggested quad biking, Nick said this is too dangerous and they wouldn't be able to get a risk assessment.

3T also made the suggestion of more one to one lessons for students who need extra help. Nick agreed this was a very good idea but more staff would be needed. Nick relayed that if any students are struggling in any subject they should speak with either their tutor or the teacher in the subject.

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Marley M - Suggestions/issues from 4B

4B asked if a reward for laser-tag could be added. Toby added that a risk assessment for this has already been done. Nick will look into this.

Marley also mentioned the boxing ring again, which has been minuted.

4B made another suggestion for motorbikes, Nick said they wouldn't be able to get a risk assessment for this.

4B also wanted to go home early as well as a reward, Nick said that students get to leave at 2.30pm on a Friday. Rachel said that when students are in KS4 they are able to leave at 1.00pm for a reward.

4B would also like a school dog. Nick agreed this was a good idea as it can help with anxiety but at another school someone was bitten so this wouldn't be allowed at the moment, though this may change in the future. Nick mentioned that the PLC students are going to a dogs trust in Leeds after Christmas and students can visit the RSPCA as part of their rewards.

Marley said that he wanted to become a student president. Nick said that only Year 11's are nominated and whoever is chosen needs to be a good role model for their fellow students.

Sienna R - Suggestions/issues from 4W

4W would like staff to stop unlocking toilet doors and just walking in. Nick will send out an email to all staff to remind them to knock before unlocking the toilet doors.

Rachel advised everyone that the school nurse now attends Oakfield on a Wednesday instead of a Tuesday from 9.30am until 11.00am.

Nick asked if there was anything else to discuss, he then thanked everyone for coming to the meeting.

ACTIONS FOR NEXT MEETING

- Nick to speak with Alfie regarding setting up the school newsletter and comic strip.
- Nick to speak with Julie in the kitchen about the possibility of putting chilli, pineapple panini on the Menu and also putting on an all-day breakfast at lunch.
- Nick to look into the possibility of an outdoor gym/boxing ring.
- Nick to reinstate the subscription to Beano comics.

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- Nick to look into putting laser-tag on as a reward.
- Nick to send out an email to all staff reminding them to knock before unlocking the toilet doors.

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