

School Council Meeting



DATE: 8th February 2024

School Council Minutes

PUPILS PRESENT	STAFF PRESENT
Leo G – 3A Morgan S – 3J Rio Y – 3L Alfie B – 3M Oliver B – 3T Jamie B – 4W Kai B – 4W Sienna R – 4W	Nick Riggs – SMSC Lead & Teacher Toby Adams – Teacher Andy Downsworth – Emotional Wellbeing Assistant Nicky Way – Admin, Minutes

OUTCOMES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

Nick asked Alfie how the newsletter was coming on. Alfie said it wasn't too good as there didn't seem to be enough news. Nick suggested that Alfie speak with Antonia (his tutor) and they could both look through the school calendar for trips/rewards or events taking place such as the Year 7 football when we come back after half term.

Nick then discussed the All Day Breakfast which was suggested at the last meeting. This did take place on Monday 5th February and was extremely popular with everyone.

Nick did email Rachel Davies regarding the outdoor gym/boxing ring. Unfortunately, Nick said this probably won't happen currently.

Nick did say that the Beano Comics have been reinstated and Toby did confirm that he has been receiving them.

Nick asked if the issue with staff unlocking the toilets without knocking had improved. Sienna replied that it hadn't improved at all. Nick is going to send out another reminder email to all staff.

Nick asked the group who was taking part in the Night Challenge on Saturday 16th March, Kai and Jamie both said they were taking part.

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

Morgan - Suggestions/issues from 3J

They said that after eating the All Day Breakfast 5 of them felt unwell. Nick asked if they had been running around after eating or had they eaten too much. Staff and students also in the meeting said they had all enjoyed the breakfast and they all felt okay.

Another suggestion was that students should get more e-praise points, Nick said they can get more e-praise points but they need to be earned.

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Alfie – Suggestions/issues from 3M

Would like toast at lunch as some students don't eat the full meals. Nick said that toast is provided at breakfast and break time. Students need to be able to choose from a balanced menu at lunch and there are lots of different options that are available.

3M asked if Dungeons and Dragons could be used as part of the rewards – Nick said this was student led and he would speak with Aaron Wedgwood regarding this.

3M also made the suggestion for Minecraft Lego to be available in the E-praise shop as some of the items are quite cheap to buy. Nick will speak with Aaron Wedgwood who organises the E-praise shop.

Jamie – Suggestions/issues from 4W

Would like new controllers for the Rec Room as a couple of the buttons aren't working. Nick did say that he did buy some new in July. Andy said that when his own children have been using their controllers at home they do become tired/worn. Nick asked if Toby would be able to check if there were any in the cupboard and then asked Jamie to send him a link so he buys the correct one.

Nick and Toby discussed and decided that more pool cues need to be ordered for the Rec Room.

Staff have spoken with Jamie and asked him to bring up racist language and if Policing would work. Nick and Andy both agreed that this wouldn't really help the students and would be best done through SMSC sessions to target racial related language.

The last suggestion made by 4W was for the school to purchase Skate 3 for PS3, it is very popular with the students and only costs around £5.00. This would be kept in ICT. Nick to look into this.

Nick wanted to speak on behalf of the new School President, Jaye, who was absent from the meeting. Jaye asked if anyone would think it would be a good idea to have a Vice School President. Jamie did say it would be a good idea for example today as the School President wasn't here. Everyone agreed this would be a good idea. As only 1 student applied for the position of School President Nick asked the group what would be the best way to choose someone. They agreed for someone in the group, Nick did remind everyone that the student would need to be in KS4. Nick asked the group who would like to put themselves forward, Jamie said he would like to do this. Everyone took a vote in the group and it was decided that the new Vice School President would be Jamie. Congratulations Jamie!

Oliver – Suggestions/issues from 3T

Racism needs to stop! Nick said this was a brilliant way to say it and would look into doing some SMSC Target Posters with that wording.

3T wanted to know if they could go home early on a Monday instead of a Friday, Nick said that not many students and staff would be happy with that idea.

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3T asked if they could have more choices for rewards, Nick mentioned that they do football and cooking in the main school. 3T made the suggestion of ice skating. Nick will speak with Eleanor Mathieson regarding this.

For their last suggestion 3T wanted shorter lessons. Nick replied that they have only just restructured the lessons to 50 minutes to enable more staff to be available for lessons. Toby did say at first he was sceptical but it does seem to work. Rio also agreed that the 50 minute lessons work.

Leo – Suggestions/issues from 3A

Nothing

Rio – Suggestions/issues from 3L

Nothing

Sienna – Suggestions/issues from 4B

Nothing

Kai – Suggestions/issues from 4W

Already given by Jamie

Toby did mention that a new USB charging cable is needed, Jamie said he has one that he doesn't use or need any more so he will bring that one in. Nick asked Toby to send a list of all the items that needs to be ordered.

Andy mentioned Children's Mental Health week and explained to everyone what was involved: that it is held from February 5th to February 11th, with the theme "My Voice Matters." This year the event hopes to empower children and young people to express themselves effectively. The aim is for every child to feel confident in saying, "My Voice Matters."

There are activity sheets in tutor rooms and it is the focus for EWB all week.

Nick thanked everyone for coming.

ACTIONS FOR NEXT MEETING

- Nick to send out email reminding all staff to knock before unlocking the toilet doors.
- Nick to speak with Aaron about Dungeons and Dragons as part of the rewards and also Minecraft Lego as part of the E-praise Shop.
- Nick to look into buying Skate 3 for PS3.
- Nick to organise SMSC posters regarding racism/language.

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- Nick to speak with Eleanor regarding Ice Skating as part of Rowan Rewards.

