

School Council Minutes

23rd March 2021 11am

Present

Sophie Vye from Green Island (chair)

Gill Lyons (Headteacher)

Tony Rudd (VIBE Radio to record our discussions)

Harry Dilling (Durdle)

Freddie Palmer (Sandbanks)

Tyler Powell (Purbeck)

Holly Morris and Lennon Richardson (Brownsea)

Abbie Graham (Pergins)

Maddie Compton (Arne)

William Sabine (Furzey)

Liz Freeman, Donna Brown, Millie May Lawrence and Charlie Jones..... (supporting pupils)

14 in total due to COVID restrictions

Apologies

Deniz and Dakota (but sent Tyler and Freddie as class reps instead)

Sophie welcomed everyone to the meeting and said how lovely it was to finally have a meeting together after a year's break due to the COVID 19 pandemic

Matters arising from the minutes of the last meeting

- The School Council Lanyards (to easily identify the School Council members) are ready to be produced and handed out at the next school council meeting. We will ask Jon Godber to attend to take our photo for social media/VEClife
- In our last meeting Lisa Boyes attended the meeting to talk about the idea of a Social Week (William's idea but unanimously agreed a top idea). Lisa was very enthusiastic about this as an idea and proposed that we allocate a week to it in the Summer Term but sadly COVID squash this idea. It has not been forgotten though
- The school uniform has been introduced to the school and staff and pupils can be seen wearing it. will be ready to purchase soon and the colour is green!
- Our school council board has been updated with the Livability logos and branded colour scheme. Sophie explained where it is situated and shared the layout of the "You said, we did" display within that.
- Gill has said in the past that she would like the Governors to be aware about what the school council does, the difference it makes and the changes that are being directed by the council. We had invited a Governor to our meeting but COVID put pay to that. We will invite A Governor to our meeting when we are able to
- William had explained how disappointed he and his friends are that there was no VECs Got Talent in 2020. A VECstacular is being filmed and will be shared this year (online) during our Creative Arts Week.
- It was asked previously, if it be possible to have VIBE radio playing in bathrooms, corridors, staffrooms etc? It would give a real audience for the station. This is a "work in progress" Sophie is working on it with Mike and Tony. We have bought some Bluetooth speakers and are looking into how to get them hooked up to our computers. Watch this space!

Any Other Business

- Abbie would like things to occupy them in Carmel House. She will get together a list of games that she would like (board games and card games)
- Abbie would like a social room for students to use for lunchtimes. After a discussion about available space. It was suggested that the drama studio would be a good space to use. Sophie will ask the SLT if students in Carmel House are able to use this space
- Lennon suggested a games club to play on a Wii or Xbox in the main school at lunchtimes. A big discussion ensued about how everyone would like clubs to resume as quickly as is safe and possible. Students asked for a "Road Map" so we have an idea of when things like lunchtime clubs, assemblies, the timings of the school day etc will be getting back to normal.
- Harry would like the school to have a football team that plays against other schools. Sophie will chat to Simon about this as an option (in preparation for after COVID)
- Would it be possible to have the roundabout serviced? Sophie has been told previously that the cost for this to be £2,500. Sophie to investigate if this is still the case
- Can we have funny mirrors put into the playground for the sensory students to enjoy. There is one but a row of mirrors would be more effective.
- William would like a big party to celebrate the end of COVID. Everyone was very excited about this idea. Sophie will ask teachers at a staff meeting for their feedback on this idea.
- School dinners were discussed as the variety of meals does not appear to be evident. There is now a 5 week rolling menu but there is apparently a lot of repetition. School council members will go to their classes to see what meals they would like cooked (that would be easy to puree/mash so all students can enjoy them)
- Freddie told us that some staff will be coming into school to clean the playground and paint the shed in the holidays. Abbie and William are going to design/make some cards to thank people for coming into school to do this in their own time.
- There was a request for Language lessons in Post 16 education but this had to stop due to COVID. Hopefully there will be a plan to start them again. Sophie to check.
- Maddie asked for games for Post 16 students (table tennis/ table football etc.) to use in the drama studio if allowed. Students also asked for games for the play hall. Physios have an air hockey table that may not get a lot of use? Sophie will ask them. Sophie will also look at the price of table tennis, air hockey table and pin ball machines.

Meeting finished at 11.50am