

School Council Minutes

Tuesday 24th January 2023 1.20pm

Present

Sophie Vye from Green Island (chair)
Charlie Mills (Corfe)
Abigail Evans (Lulworth)
Seth Higgins (Durdle)
Kye Freeborough (Sandbanks)
William Jardine (Purbeck)
Carlos Hernandas (Brownsea)
Nathan Wolffe (Green Island)
Deniz Kiddle, Lennon Richardson, Holly Morris (Arne)
Tyler Powell (Furzey)
7 x support staff
= 18 people present

Apologies

Abbie Graham, Maddie Compton, George Fripp, Ronaldo Rodriguez-Kretz (Pergins)
Freddie Palmer and Dakota Hanham (Brownsea)

Matters arising from the minutes of the last meeting

- VIBE radio is now being played consistently in the bathroom in the main school. Great news and thanks to the SSW, Fabiana Mezzetti, who makes this happen.
- Holly said that the issue with the hand soap and towels being inaccessible was rectified by us putting a plastic hand soap and towels in a tray at the front of the sink. Well done Hollie for finding an easy solution to an annoying problem.
- Last meeting the following comments were made “Carlos asked Freddie to report to the school council that he loves the new menus but please can the wraps be plain and not spicy as the alternative option on that day is a spicy option, too. Lennon said that the wraps can arrive soggy”. The school council all agreed that it was a positive news that Nick, the new chef had taken wraps off of the menu. Lennon said that “the jacket potatoes can be hard”. The school councillors agreed that the potatoes were fluffy and much better now. “Abbie and Ron talked at length about the options on offer for students on a pureed diet” Hollie reported back that things are improving but she still has pasta 2 or 3 times a week (but she does like pasta!) Sophie will work with Hollie, Ron and Abbie on this to ensure there is a good level of choice for students on pureed diets. William suggested that photographs be taken of the actual meals and not lifting images from the internet, so it is a clear picture of what your meal will look like. William requested that the mash is smoother as lumps can be tricky for some students to deal with. Hollie said that the new yogurts “Muller Vitality: thick and creamy” are fabulous. As they are thicker and have no “bits” of fruit in, they are really easy for students on a pureed diet to eat. Brilliant. Thank you!
- The School Council are happy with the pinball machine that they purchased (from holding a pre-loved book sale) and it is being used well. Great news!
- Kye introduced the issue of lunchtime activities. Gemma Mallet has said that we don't have enough staff at the moment to run lunchtime activities but we hope to do so in the future.
- Freddie also said that we'd talked about wheelchair football in the past and wondered if that would be happening any time soon? Can we play against other schools? Jake has said that for the second part of this term there will be wheelchair football in lessons and in lunchtime clubs also. Jake is making links with other schools and is hoping to confirm some fixtures soon. Freddie and Carlos

are very keen of the idea of powerchair football. Apparently we have some chairs in school but no-one trained to use them. The school councillors wondered if someone could go on a training or maybe get someone in who has the training. Hollie knows someone as she is part of a powerchair football team in Wareham.

- Sean Mogg asked the school council to develop a Code Of Conduct for the buses. They said
 - Please can you travel sensibly
 - Please can you travel quietly
 - Please can you be respectful
 - Please can you use nice wordsPosters have been created but no-one has seen any of the posters displayed on their buses. Sean will follow this up with the transport team

Any Other Business

- Kye asked when the new school library will be opening? Sophie will ask David if he has an idea when this will be.
- William requested that we get some more scales for food tech as it really slows up the lessons if lots of people need to share. It was suggested that maybe the batteries could be checked or we may need to purchase new ones?
- Abigail asked if after school clubs would start up again any time soon (Previously there was Monday PE, Thursday Boccia, Friday table cricket and a Friday youth club as examples). Sophie will ask Jake and SLT about this.
- The hoist in Furzey is broken and Arne don't have a hoist in their class at all. Sophie will discuss the hoist situation with Ellen, head of physiotherapy.
- Students in Arne and Pergins have to share bathrooms. There are 2 bathrooms on the second floor of Carmel House that could be used but they need their sinks relocating to make them more accessible. Sophie will talk to the site team to see if this could be done.
- Charlie asked if we could get some more glue sticks and laminators (as people keep taking theirs). Sophie will ask Dan who looks after the stationery supplies in school.
- Kye said that he has a problem with his transport and he would like to see a solution found soon. Donna will chase this up.

Meeting closed at 2.00pm

After the meeting had finished, Sophie realised there were 4 points that she did not update the school council on. She is very sorry about this but has written the updates below 😊

- Students in Carmel House asked if they could create a social room on the second floor. Unfortunately the answer was "no!" due to fire risks but they will look into a different possible space
- In the last meeting two meetings Harry has asked what the situation was with the trampoline in the playground? Simon Walden's e-mail back in May stated that it was not to be used by any students at that time. It was stated in the e-mail that it is "unsafe for some students to use but it will be OK for others. By September there will be clear guidance on who can use it and when" Sophie has asked SLT for this guidance but they are still having conversations about it with the site team. Sophie will persevere to gain some clarity on this.
- It was discussed how all students and staff need to know to "KEEP LEFT" in the corridors to keep everyone safe. Lennon and Dakota made A4 signs to go above door frames to remind everyone to KEEP LEFT
- Students in Carmel House have been told that they need an adult with them at all times to travel in the lift. Maddie, Ron, George, Abbie and Lennon wondered if a system could be set up for them to

be allowed their independence in the lift. They are aware that some students need help/practise to go in and out of the lift (and that some students have medical issues that mean that they cannot use the lift) but for sensible students like themselves, could we introduce a "lift license". This would mean that students would need to prove that they are sensible and can navigate the lift adequately. This would also be able to be taken away if students do not act in a sensible manner. Sophie discussed this idea with Ed and he said "Yes, absolutely. Potentially we'll get the physios to start this initiative.