

School Council Minutes

10th February 2020 2pm

Present: Sophie from Green Island (chair), Gill (Headteacher), Chris from Pergins, , William and Liz from Furzey, Maddie, Abbie and Millie from Arne, Tyler and Sophie from NT, Alicia, Dolly and Liz from CN, Anna and Lisa from LB, Ama and Mary from Green Island, George and Angela from BN, Delilah and Jen from JW, Jack from Arne (as Eco-Committee representative/liaison between committees) **22 people present in total**

Apologies: Deniz and Brooke (unwell) and Dakota

- Sophie welcomed everyone to the meeting and said that it was another fabulous number of people attending! Yay!

Matters arising from the minutes of the last meeting

- The School Council Lanyards (to easily identify the School Council members) have been produced but they do not have the students' photographs on! They will be reproduced but more ink needs to be ordered! They will be given out in the next meeting and we will ask Jon Godber to attend to take our photo for social media/VEClife
- William has been campaigning for a bike shed and more bikes to be stored at Carmel House for the older students to use for the Morning Mile. FOVEC meetings have been after school so we thought it more appropriate to write FOVEC a letter, instead, to ask for the money needed for this project. Maddie, William, Delilah, Chris and Abbie will get together to write this on behalf of the School Council.
- 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 (Lisa will let us have the date after half term). Lisa thought that linking classes randomly together for reading, art and sports activities would be a positive experience for both pupils and staff alike. George Norris throughout the discussion used his eye gaze to say that he thought it was "Great!" and Delilah was very vocal about how much she liked the idea.
- The problem with wobbly tables in DH has been rectified as some students now have their own trays and the tables themselves have been fixed
- Previously Chris had requested a dartboard for Carmel House at lunchtimes. They now have one but the darts have been misplaced. Chris will see if he can find them!
- Gill explained that Livability Head Office said that she couldn't bring her dog, Missy, into school every day (as a therapy dog/supporting life skills). The school council were quite sad about this
- The school uniform will be ready to purchase soon and the colour is green!
- Head Office have agreed our requests for the layout of our board and Sophie will share the proposed designs when she has them

Any other business

- The Children and Young People's Development Officer from SENDiass (they give information and advice about Special Needs) would like an opportunity to come into our meeting to talk about what we would like and need from her service. Everyone agreed that was OK and Sophie will invite her in
- Gill 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 talked about some of the school council going to a Governors meeting but then agreed that it would be even better for them to see the meeting in action. Anna (LB) will create an invite for the Governors and Gill will ensure that we have a date that they are happy to attend
- Anna asked if we have information on the candidates and a vote for the UK Youth Parliament. Hilary is liaising with two of the candidates to see if they would like to come into school and some of the older students will get to place a vote
- Tyler wanted to ask the group to ensure that lights turned off in classrooms when they are empty. Anna agreed that this was important, as did Jack and Jen from our Eco-Committee.
- William said how disappointed he and his friends are that there is no VECs Got Talent this year. Sophie will talk to staff and feedback on this. It was suggested maybe to include it in the Social week in the summer term.
- William's classmate Matt has asked if we could have a school pet again. Apparently, the area where rabbits were previously gets quite cold and there was a problem with foxes but Sophie will investigate and see if this is an option.
- William asked if it be possible to have VIBE radio playing in bathrooms, corridors, staffrooms etc? It would give a real audience for the station. Delilah would also like this to be the case
- Dolly and Alisha would like to have some large outdoor games to play with outside.
- Abbie would like things to occupy them in Carmel House. She was unsure of what so Sophie and Abbie will get together to get some ideas.
- George had noticed some large branches out in the playground after the storms and volunteered to go out sweeping to clear them up.
- Delilah would like to have a "recycled art club" at lunchtime in the summer term. Lisa also agreed that some of her class are requesting quieter activities as the play hall gets quite busy with loud activities at lunchtimes. Perhaps teachers would staff the outdoor area in their lunch duty? Or plan a quiet activity (but where to hold it?) Sophie will chat to teachers and Amy/Sally to gather their thoughts

Meeting finished at 2.45pm

Following the school council meeting Tyler interviewed William, Maddie and Anna on VIBE radio to share what was discussed in the meeting.