

School Council minutes – Tuesday 25 September 2018, lesson one, Room One

Minutes taken by Lily (Y8)

24 out of 25 School Council reps attended. Mr Snowdon, Mrs Cousin, Mr Bennett and Mrs Mainwaring (parent) also attended.

- Everyone introduced themselves and we checked who needs a badge. Reminder that School Council badges are always worn in school.
- Re-cap of dates for meetings – 12 meetings this school year - and some information about what will happen in future meetings.
- We went over responsibilities that some School Council reps have and made sure everyone knows what is involved.
- Information about RRSA given by Mr Snowdon. Y5 reps reported that the Y5 teachers have introduced RRSA to classes. Lily, Orson and Rhiannon will give the Unicef UK visitors a tour on 9th October when they do the RRSA Gold visit. Some school council reps might take part in discussions on 9th October, but not anyone who was on school council last year.
- Oliver reported on his visit to an international summer camp in Sweden where focus was on things like team building, dealing with conflicts, the environment and human rights.

The main part of the meeting was discussing 3 of the 5 areas we decided in school council training last week are our main topics. House groups discussed one topic each, then reported back to the whole council . Normans: lunchtimes. Saxons: fundraising. Romans: bikes/cycling.

We didn't get on to the last two topics, so they will be discussed next time (House points/rewards, One Way System/locker areas). In the main discussion we had feedback from 2 groups, but the 3rd group (Normans discussing lunchtimes) will start the next meeting.

Main points about fundraising (discussed by Saxons):

- Next year the Macmillan Coffee Morning should have volunteers to help from School Council. Mr Bennett agreed.
- We agreed that we want the Sponsored Walk to happen again. If it isn't possible because of staffing problems, there should still be a walk but not covering all the year groups (or two separate walks – one KS2, one KS3). Mr Bennett agreed that we should try to make it happen. We could encourage more parents to help too.
- We talked about different year groups each having a charity to support, but no final decision on this. We should have a mix of local community charities and global charities and link this with RRSA.

- Other ideas for fundraising included: karaoke, sponsored run, ice bucket challenge. Fundraising ideas should be taken to school council, so we don't have an overload of something – like bake sales! We need a mix of events.

Main points about bikes/cycling (discussed by Romans):

- Top priority is putting together a survey to find out how much interest there is in cycling to and from school. A number of the Roman reps will follow this up. Mr Bennett agreed this could go ahead.
- We talked about bike racks and where they would go. Mr Bennett explained where he has in mind (near the bungalow).
- We agreed that everyone's right to be safe is a big priority so we would need to communicate with parents and make sure only pupils who can safely cycle to school are doing so. We would have to think about things like hi-viz jackets.
- It was agreed that Bikeability would be good to bring back, maybe for Y5. Mr Bennett said there are problems with costs and we would have to look carefully at how much parents might be happy to contribute. We will come back to this after the survey.

Next meeting is on Tuesday 16 October, lesson five, in Room 10.