

Minutes of School Council meeting on Wednesday 5 December 2018

Minutes are based on notes taken by Caitlin. Lily and Helena will feed back to Mr Bennett and discuss recommendations.

1. Rights Respecting School

- The RRSA Gold banner was delivered today. We discussed where it could be displayed and this will be conveyed to Mr Bennett.
- Eight School Council reps were photographed for the recent Hexham Courant article about OMS achieving RRSA Gold.
- Mr Bennett will be asked about having assemblies to celebrate achieving Gold.

2. Fundraising

- It was agreed that Children in Need activities were worth doing and should be done again next year (and again run by Y7 and Y8 School Council reps). Changes to make for 2019: have more variety of stalls, agree prices of refreshments beforehand, and make sure all pupils get informed well in advance.
- We agreed to ask Mr Bennett to announce the fundraising total in assemblies and to do this for other fundraising initiatives over the year. It was also suggested that posters announcing totals could be put up, as has happened with the Book Fair (the fundraising total poster is up in the library), and they should be publicised on the website.

3. Eco Group

- There was praise for a number of Eco Group initiatives including Switch Off Fortnight which has just been happening. Former OFS pupils said that it would be good to go for the Green Flag award (which OFS already has) to recognise our commitment.
- It was suggested that pupils could be more involved in sharing eco-friendly initiatives through assemblies.

4. Outright project

- Reps reported on doing Unicef UK Outright work in PSHE lessons (to do with clean air and reducing pollution). Mr Wainwright will be asking PSHE teachers to make sure all classes do their campaign postcards over the next week (to be sent to the department for environment).
- We hope to deliver assemblies based on the Outright work in January.

5. Discussions based on pupils' suggestions

- Year 5, Year 6 and 7DE suggestion boxes are working well!
- It was agreed to ask for wedges to be put back on the Wednesday menu every week.
- It was agreed to ask about the library being open to all pupils 5 days a week in the summer term, when attendance is likely to be lower due to warm weather.
- Mr Bennett will be asked if recycling bins can be put in the Food Tech room and the dining hall.
- Lily and Helena will check progress with plans for another water cooler and all pupils getting OMS water bottles.

- Mr Bennett will be asked about the idea of having staff photos up in the Y5 area for September when new pupils start at OMS, to help them learn names and know who adults in the school are.

- There were concerns about the Bells bus being regularly late at home time, so Mr Bennett will be asked if anything can be done. Mrs Goodwin will be asked if bus voice volunteers can be reminded about their roles, as this is inconsistent at the moment.

6. Play equipment

- Mrs Goodwin will be asked about restocking class footballs and basketballs. Reps are, from now on, responsible for looking after these.

- The idea of having volleyball nets and equipment was raised, but return to this in January.

- In January the Saxon reps will focus on yard equipment in their group discussion (while Romans will stick with cycling/bikes and Normans with food).

7. Locker areas

- There was discussion about combination code lockers instead of keys and this will be raised with Mr Bennett.

- It was agreed to ask if every Year group can adopt the approach of getting equipment out while still outside in the mornings, to avoid congestion in the locker areas.

8. Any other business

- William and Sophia have made some progress with the cycling survey and will work on this next Tuesday form time in the ICT room. Mr Snowdon will supervise.

- Reps involved in doing feedback assemblies or website or display board updates should go to ICT room next Tuesday form time to work on these areas. The assemblies will be arranged for January.

- School Council reps will be doing the readings in the two carol services on Wednesday 19 December. Helen, Olivia, Katherine and Oliver will do these, with a rehearsal on Tuesday 18 December (they are to check with parents).

- The next meeting is Thursday 17 January, lesson one (8.55am) and will include group discussions.