

Minutes of School Council meeting – Thursday 17 January 2019

From now on, there will be 3 printed copies of minutes distributed per form class – one copy is for the form teacher and the others are for both the class reps. The minutes can also be found under School Council on the school website's homepage menu.

24 out of 25 reps attended the meeting (plus Mr Bennett, Mr Snowdon, Mrs Cousin, Mrs Mainwaring). Minutes drafted by Lily.

1. Upcoming events (and things to follow up)

- Feedback assemblies: George and Katherine for KS3 (Mon 4 Feb) and Isaac, Kieron and Sophia for KS2 (Tues 5 Feb) will deliver assemblies about School Council. They will do preparation in the ICT suite on Thurs 24 Jan in form time – Mrs Cousin will supervise. Mr Snowdon will begin creating the PowerPoint and save it in the Mr Snowdon folder in the Pupil Drive.
- Anna, Evie and Helen will take responsibility for taking photos of staff for classroom doors. This is mainly to assist new Year 5 pupils starting in September with learning who staff are.
- William and Sophia will turn the cycling survey (about how pupils get to school, and gauging what interest there is in cycling to and from school) into a printable document so it can be distributed through form classes in registration time. We will consider a version for parents too. Do this on Thurs 24 Jan, form time, in ICT Suite.
- School Council reps in Year 5 and Year 6 should consult their form teachers and classes about routines at the start of the day (8.45am). We are trying to ensure there is always a safe, calm environment for all pupils at this time.
- The next School Council meeting is on Tues 5 Feb. The first 20 minutes will be group discussions: Saxons on yard equipment, quad and garden; Normans on lockers, corridors and safety; Romans on fundraising. Reps can think about ideas before the meeting and may want to consult classmates.

2. Representing the school

- School Council reps were praised for their role in doing the carol service readings in December.
- Kieron, Olivia and Tom will represent School Council tomorrow when Guy Opperman MP visits OMS, giving him a tour and asking/answering questions. Meet at 11am outside Mr Bennett's office.
- Helena, Lily and Oliver will represent School Council at the governors' meeting on Tues 29 Jan, 6.30pm, for 20-30 minutes. They need to get parental permission. If anyone is not available, Jazmin and Katherine are reserves. This is a chance to tell governors about the work of School Council and answer questions about school life.

3. Feedback from meeting with Mr Bennett (by Helena and Lily)

- A new water cooler is being ordered and there is discussion about where it will go. Mrs Clark will oversee distributing the OMS-branded water bottles soon.
- Mr Bennett and Miss Quinn are looking into the possibility of having a reading room as well as the library at lunch times, to ensure all pupils who want to can read at lunch times.
- Mr Bennett will look into whether combination codes on lockers are an option.
- It was agreed that fundraising totals will be announced in assemblies for any fundraising events we do as a school, so that we celebrate our successes.
- It is unlikely that Wedges Wednesday will return, but wedges are available in alternate weeks on Thursdays.
- Following reps' complaints about the Bells bus to Wylam frequently being late, Mr Bennett will make it clear that there are problems when the bus travel contract is next renewed. There are no guarantees it will change, though, as the county council makes the final decision.

4. Other matters

- The RRSA Gold banner is now displayed at the corner of the car park. We will aim to do an assembly about achieving Gold in March.
- School Council reps were reminded about always wearing a School Council badge and being responsible for looking after the form class footballs and basketballs. They should see Mrs Goodwin if there are any problems with these.

Agenda for Tuesday 5 February 2019:

1. Group discussions in Houses on set topics (see above) for 20 minutes
2. Feeding back key points from group discussions
3. Reports on recent events (MP's visit, governors' meeting, assemblies etc)
4. Reports on progress with School Council proposals and plans