

School Council – minutes of 12 June 2019 meeting

Year 7 reps and a number of Year 8 reps were doing assessments. But Year 8 reps Billy and Caitlin, Year 6 reps Tom, Anna, Evie and Isaac, and Year 5 reps Kieran, Imogen, Sidney, Olivia, Sophia and William all attended. Minutes taken by Caitlin.

1. Assemblies

Anne Frank Trust assembly is rearranged for Tuesday 9th July – this is for KS2 pupils. A number of Y5 reps are preparing this, based on themes of prejudice and discrimination.

Feedback assemblies about School Council are on Monday 24th June and Tuesday 25th (AS to check with AB). Everyone involved in preparing assemblies to go to ICT room, form time on Tuesday 18th June.

Imogen will ask Mrs Colwell about Year 5 reps (helped by Abel and Rhiannon) speaking to Year 4s about school council on transfer day. The assembly presentation could be used for this.

2. Fundraising

The sponsored walk has been confirmed to be happening on Friday 28th June. All year groups need to choose which charities to raise money for from the shortlist of 6 that we created in our last meeting:

- RSPCA
- Dementia UK
- Tynedale Hospice
- West End Food Bank
- Unicef UK
- Water Aid

We discussed what each charity does, so reps have a little background on the charities to share in classes.

3. Food feedback

There was some feedback about the recent changes to the school menu:

- Positive comments about pasta and salad options
- There are some new options, which is appreciated, with a lot of choice
- Puddings haven't changed much, though, and reps wondered if there could be more new options
- It was felt that a number of possibly popular suggestions haven't yet been taken on board, so could we return to these for September's menu?
- To encourage healthy eating, could the price of fruit be reduced?

- Favourite suggested theme day is a Mexican Monday. Could this happen before summer holidays?
- Ask if it's possible for each class to have a copy of the menu. Each rep to feedback next meeting about what the form classes think of it.

4. Recommendations to discuss with Mr Bennett

- Agreed there should be football racks for the class footballs. Can this be followed up?
- Reps felt that there should be a rule that, in the summer term, the yard with the tennis courts on is only for tennis (unless no one is using the courts, in which case basketball is allowed).
- Follow up where there are safe cycle routes to school from.
- We discussed yard/play equipment. Next year ask new year 5 reps what they liked about yard equipment in first school and if there's anything they want to see at OMS too. We could introduce a rota for using some equipment. Talk to Wylam First about their yard equipment as all reps from Wylam first school are really enthusiastic about it.
- Uneven paving stones outside Yr 6 and 7 – request for checking.
- Agreed it would be good to introduce 'calculator boxes' to store phones in at the office.
- New house captain roles: keep all house captain roles except for lunch time doors. Run it on a volunteer basis - the same as how it is being done currently in the summer term.