

School Council Meeting – 07/06/2018

PRESENT: Ms Peat Mr Edwards (Governor)
Mrs Warren Mr Norris (Edwards & Ward)
Mr Millard Representatives from the School Council

AGENDA

CANTEEN

Mr Morris outlined future developments in the school Menu.

Beefburgers, Spaghetti Bolognese, Macaroni Cheese, 2 cheese Pizzas all were popular with the Council.

It was mentioned that the Cod in Parsley Sauce was not popular, and Mr Morris confirmed that this was being taken off the Menu.

Another issue was the huge size of pasta portions – Mr Morris confirmed that he would ensure that they are reduced slightly.

Council members were very supportive of deserts with vegetables – e.g. Courgette and Lime Cake, and Chocolate Brownies with Beetroot.

The lack of Panini's was an issue, there is often none left for second sitting. Mr Morris confirmed that there will be another Panini machine installed in the kitchen soon, which he hoped would help this problem.

Gluten and Dairy Free foods were discussed. Mr Morris explained the process for registering with Edwards & Ward their food allergies. These forms are available from the school office – parents and doctors need to sign these.

Mr Morris also explained the government's new Sugar Tax and how it has impacted on the school menu.

RECYCLING

Mr Millard announced that he is hoping to re-introduce plastic bottle re-cycling bins around the school as a large number of bottles are being left at school. Although the canteen no longer stock them, a lot of pupils are bringing their own to school. Mr Millard is hoping to install new water fountains that are taller and therefore re-useable bottled can be re-filled.

Mr Norris confirmed that Edwards & Ward are seriously looking at reducing their impact on the environment and are looking to moving to paper cups only in the canteen.

The meeting discussed Recycling Awareness at length, and how Oakfield could improve their position and help the situation.

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UPDATE ON PREMISES

Mr Millard outlined school improvements that are currently either taking place, or are planned for the future.

New roofing – currently under construction

Enrichment Centre – new tables/bench and air condition being investigated

Year 5 block – New display boards

New art works to be displayed around the school

Mrs Warren updated the meeting regarding the new coverings for the KS3 Quad area. Five companies have been invited into school to give us their recommendations for the project. More information to follow.

REWARD IDEAS

The meeting were asked for their opinions of the current Reward System.

They all agreed that there was little enthusiasm for Merits as there wasn't a reward for achieving them. Perhaps reward trips could be arranged for Merit winners?

Some Council members highlighted that they found it difficult to get their Merits signed off by some staff, Ms Peat explained that they should leave their journals on a teacher's desk at the start of a lesson.

PLAY LEADERS

The Council members were asked for their opinion of the lunchtime activities.

Street Dance and Ball Games were popular, however most of those who commented felt that the Archery was too childish.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Council members felt that received insufficient feedback on homeworks. They would like to receive more positive comments from teachers.