

School Council Meeting – 13/03/2019

PRESENT: Ms Peat

Mr Edwards
(Governor)

Mrs Warren

SCHOOL COUNCIL MEMBERS

Ely Hughes (5R)

Emily Honnor (5N)

Kate Harman (6S)

Jay Backhurst (6O)

Hayden Pepler (7A)

Charlotte Robinson (7A)

Lily Few (8C)

Beau Maddox (8C)

1. UPDATE ON QUAD IMPROVEMENTS

Mrs Warren outlined the developments since the last meeting

- Mr Millard has arranged for the area to be successfully cleared of unwanted plants
- The tree that has recently fallen down in the wind on the field will be chipped and spread over the soil to prevent weeds growing
- Quotes are currently be obtained for the removal of the brick wall and other construction that needs to be removed or repaired
- Ms Peat has invited the School council members and School Prefects to spend time during the Easter Holidays painting over the existing mural that is on the wall – places for this project will be allocated on a first come first served basis
- Mrs Warren confirmed that new seating for the area is currently being investigated
- Charlotte reported that any new tyres to be used as planters being donated by H&B Tyres would require one week's notice

2. COMMUNICATION

Ms Peat spoke with the school council members about the importance of being pro-active with their communication with Year Council members. They should be highlighting Minutes that are displayed on the noticeboard and sharing ideas and suggestions with them. They should speak with their Year Heads about the best way to pass on information or ask questions – either in assemblies or during tutor time.

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3. SCHOOL COUNCIL'S MEETING WITH MISS WILKES

Council members reported back on their meeting with Miss Wilkes which took place 6.3.19. Subjects discussed included:-

CHARITY SUPPORT The direction for the school's charity work was discussed. This year Oakfield will be raising money to support pupil Sam Horton and the medical treatment that he will be receiving in Berlin. Other charities discussed were 'Purple Elephant' and 'School in a Bag'.

SPANISH TEACHER The maternity cover vacancy was discussed. School Council were asked to consider questions they could ask candidates if they were included in the interview panel. Ms Peat asked them to carefully consider any questions they may raise.

4. SCHOOL COUNCIL'S VISIT TO THE CANTEEN

Ms Peat asked for any further feedback following the Council's visit to the kitchen. Everybody agreed that it had been a very interesting and impressive visit. Mr Edwards commented that he had been really impressed with the volume of food that is prepared and the pride that the staff take in their work.

5. REWARD SYSTEM SUGGESTIONS

Ms Peat set the Council the challenge of updating the current Reward System. They worked in Year Groups for a while to prepare a list of suggestions. Ms Peat asked them to survey their Year Council for other suggestions and report back at the next meeting.

Initial ideas included (1) Eating lunch in a picnic area on the field, (2) being allowed in other tutor bases at break and lunch. Blank sheets will be handed out at the next meeting for results to be compiled. They were also asked to list any existing Rewards that they feel do not work well.

Most Council members did however agree that the current system for using play equipment on the yard at lunch time did not work. It was felt that Lunchtime Supervisors did not understand the system, and were reluctant to hand out play equipment.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Thursday 24th May 2019, at 10am.