

School Council Meeting

11-5-2017 – 11:15am

Present: School pupils x 16, Mrs S Bruce (Governor) Mrs Blackwell, Mrs Teeboon, Mrs Flower and Mrs Humphreys

The minutes of the previous meeting (9-3-17) were read by the year 6 pupils.

Actions completed:

- A gas lighter for lighting candles has been purchased.
- Playground buddies identified and timetable completed. Playground Buddy bibs in red purchased. Peer Buddy Bears & qualities displayed on wall.
- Rota completed for duties linked to collective worship.

Actions still to be actioned:

- Playground art equipment still to be purchased, chunky chalks and two chalk boards to add to the two in school.

Actions discussed:

- Key Stage one classroom have adopted a 'Smiley Face' behaviour chart. Children who choose not to follow the rules have to add their name to the board.
Once – Warning
Twice – Lose 5 minutes of break
Three – Parents asked to come into school for Head teacher to speak to them. Children can win back their name if their behaviour improves during the day. Each day every child has a fresh start.
- 'Our Work is Golden' boards have been created on the display-boards near the office. This is to display work from the children that they are proud of. Concerns were raised about the Gold Collective Worship not happening frequently due to the pressures of the curriculum timetable. It was suggested that stars may be awarded during the school day for exceptional work/behaviour, and then passed onto the houses at a later date.
- Year 6 pupils to be awarded a star each for their house in recognition of the fantastic attitude towards their SAT's.
- The shields, house names and pupils photographs are to be updated.

- It was suggested that each class should have their own shield or large star to stick awarded stars to and then they would be transferred to the house shields in the hall. Also use stars that can be written on so everyone would know who and why a star had been awarded.
- Could a celebration be held at the end of the year to congratulate the winning house also a house shield/cup purchased?
- Houses need re-shuffling to make teams fair.
- Sports photographs to be printed and displayed.
- Could we have an end of term open event when parents could come in and view pupil's school work?
- Could a scooter play time be introduced once a week?
- Due to swimming a session of football is being missed. A request was made to alter the playground rota.
- The Gardening Club has been reintroduced and organised by Mrs Broomhead and Janet Bray. KS1 & Lower KS2 pupils are to take responsibility this year with guidance from Miss Gailley (PGC, Sheffield Hallam Student). The upper KS2 pupils are responsible for the vegetable plants.
- A request was made for another greenhouse to be purchased as the plants were taking up bench space.
- Are we going to re-introduce Golden Time?
- Would Tai Chi come back after the cricket had finished?
- It was felt the Sainsbury's voucher box would be better near the back door by the parent's notice board.
- Could we go back to open choice playtimes?
- It would be nice to have a hen to lay eggs for eating at breakfast club and a sheep to graze the grass.

School Improvement Plan (SIP) for EYFS small playground (update):

- The PTFA applied for a grant, on behalf of the school, from the 'Local Projects Fund' Councillor David Chapman. I am pleased to say they were awarded £850. The school is to pledge £10,000 towards the project. This term a working party is to look at the EYFS provision and the development of the small playground. It was felt that some of the suggested items would be a be not be value for money eg: Train, ship - and once the novelty had worn off would be seldom used.
- The children are to be involved with the building of the playground.

Issues raised:

- 'Our work is Golden' boards to be changed regularly.
- Houses to be divided into four from September.
- Parents are allowed to view children's work at any time and welcomed.
- The scooter playtimes caused problems in school last time we had one - due to some children not having their own scooter and borrowing others. They then got damaged and parents complained. It was felt that if this was allowed no one would be allowed to share. Upper juniors felt it wasn't fair as the lower part of the school were allowed to ride the school bikes and scooters. Most children own a scooter. Mrs Blackwell is to look into the logistics of this.
- Any Rota queries are to be discussed with the year 6 pupils. (But football is not to dominate the rota)
- The purchase of a second greenhouse is to be discussed with Mrs Broomhead.
- The re-introduction of Golden Time is to be discussed between the Head teacher and staff due to the constraints of the curriculum.
- Tai Chi will not be coming back after the cricket due to the heavy sport content of the curriculum ie: swimming, May Pole, Music, cricket and QEGS sports events taking too much time from the curriculum programme in the afternoons.
- The Sainsbury's token box is in the entrance hall as this is where parents come in and out.
- Open choice playtimes will not be reintroduced as it was predominantly football and children were always falling out as it monopolised the playground.
- Having a pet hen or sheep would not be practical due to the smell, mess and safety also the boundary isn't animal proof.

Meeting concluded at 12:00 noon

Next meeting: Thursday 15th June - 2:30