

School Council Meeting, 21st October 2015

Minutes

Present:

Representatives from years 2 to 6

Apologies: 1 councillor was ill

Welcome:

Mrs Brown congratulated the children on being chosen to represent their class and presented them each with a badge.

Mrs Brown then explained what an 'Agenda' was and what the 'minutes' of a meeting are. She introduced Mr Klausen who was typing the 'minutes' from the meeting.

We then talked about who the 'Chair' of the meeting was and what their role would be. Next time we will vote for who we think would be best to 'Chair' future meeting.

Discussion points:

K: had spoken to his class about what they wanted. He had been asked to discuss more opportunities to play football. Mrs Brown told him that she needed more information and so would produce a pupil questionnaire to find out what the children wanted. It was expressed that other year groups would probably want the same thing.

A questionnaire was going to be produced using the school tablets. Every child would have the opportunity to share their views. This will be after the half term break.

Problems on the Poppy Playground are due to children not being allowed to run. They get bored and start to mess about.

S: Stated that it was difficult to find books (on free reading) that were suitable for her. Could books be organised into Levelled reading sections?

Mrs Brown asked if any School Council members could speak to Mrs Thomas and help to action this. S, O, R and L volunteered to do this.

L: Are we able to use the field? Mrs Brown talked about how from January the field will be covered in diggers and a new site office for the building that is taking place at Stanley School. They are having an extension (2 new classrooms). These children will be in wheelchairs and need specific classrooms and help and support. When they are here, the builders will be making a new ramp up to the field. Our field was supposed to be for 'Community Use' and as it stands it is unusable – not 'fit for purpose'. Mr Spencer has told the council that this must be fixed. It will cost £15000 just to put a (invisible) fence around the field. The field will then be resurfaced. We will hopefully have a little and a big field to then play on.

A: Some children want more clubs, like singing club that isn't just about Christmas songs. Mr Klausen explained how Pensby Primary School offers a wider range of clubs to a wider range of classes than

many other schools in the area. Mrs Brown explained that staff are not required to run clubs, but they do it because they want to. Mrs Brown highlighted that most of our clubs are FREE. Clubs change throughout the year.

F: Can we have a fundraising day for his brother? (now 16). Mrs Brown asked if we could talk more about it after Christmas as we have some many events already planned.

L: Can we have a tuck shop? Mrs Brown explained that it was against the law and would also be expensive to set up and run. Stanley wanted their own Deli bar, but that would have cost around £9000 a year to run and manage.

K: Some children would like more places to sit outside. The amphitheatre can get wet as can the Poppy Shelter. Mrs Brown explained that if one seating area is wet the chances are that they will all be wet. There is nowhere to sit on the top playground. Could the PTA support in installing seats?

The PTA can spend their money on anything that benefits the *majority* of the children in the school. K and L to put together a letter to the PTA requesting the seating.

R: Can we have some plastic sheeting to cover the outdoor seating when it's wet? It would have to be thick so children were not silly with it (choke and suffocation hazard).

L: There are spikey plants around Telly Tubby hill. Need to ask Mr Doffman to speak to the gardeners to 'treat' the area. Mr Doffman to be sent a copy of these minutes.

AOB: Firework Night. We are much cheaper than Barnston. It will be very exciting.

Date of Next Meeting: 12th November 2015 during Assembly. Time to look at results from Pupil Survey.