

## School Council Meeting, 13<sup>th</sup> November 2015

### Minutes

#### Present:

Year 6: Laura and Kane

Year 5: Jacob and Rose

Year 4: Freddie and Abby

Year 3: Sam and Sadie

Year 2: Oliver and Emily

Mr Klausen

#### Minutes from Last Meeting

**Pupil questionnaire** – none of the school council have yet completed the pupil questionnaire. Council to go back to class and remind teacher and children to do this as soon as possible.

**Library** - School council have not yet spoken to Mrs Thomas about the library. Freddie and Abbie to speak to Mrs Thomas today. Then will feed back at next council meeting.

**Playground Seating** - Kane and Laura have both written letters to the PT A asking for extra seating on the top playground. We have had no response as of yet. Kane and Laura to speak to Mrs Evans this afternoon if she is in school. No plastic sheeting yet available for seating. Mrs Brown to look into this. Freddie suggested that wooden benches would be good as you could use pins to hold the sheets on. The spikey plants are still on Telly Tubby hill. Has Mr Doffmann been informed?

**Bonfire Night.** Sadie stated it was really good, if a little wet. Sam thought the fireworks were spectacular. Kane thought it best so far. Jacob thought it was brilliant despite the weather. Freddie said the waterfall/fountain was excellent.

Freddie, Abby and Kane thought the fairground was too expensive. The rest of the council thought it was ok. All the council thought the food was really nice (scrumptious – Sadie) and was well served. It was amazingly cheap! Did the school make enough money to cover the costs?

#### Today's Meeting

**Abby – Blue Cross pet education programme.** Is this something we can help with? They help sick and lost animals to get better and find new homes. The organisation offers free talks in school which are not fundraising. Abby to speak to Mrs Brown about the possibility of asking the Blue Cross to speak in assembly about the importance of pet ownership. 03007771995.

**Freddie – Telly Tubby Hill.** He thinks that Telly Tubby hill should be used more. Why can't we use it during lunch times? Laura said it may be because it is too muddy. Mr Klausen reminded the council that

sammy hurt himself badly last year. Laura said it will be much safer once the weeds are removed. Its use is dependent on the weather and staff have to ensure that the children using it are really sensible.

**Rose and Jacob – Celebration Assembly.** Should Mrs Brown be the one who gives out the certificates? The council think it means more when it is presented by the Headteacher. Mr Klausen mentioned that sometimes it just isn't possible for Mrs Brown to be there. That is why she asks other staff to give them out for her.

Freddie has had 6 certificates over the years, not one of which has been presented by Mrs Brown.

Mr Klausen suggested that if Mrs Brown can't hand out the certificated perhaps she could meet with the winners over the following week to congratulate them and maybe give them and a sticker. This will show the children that she is aware of their achievement and recognition.

**Laura - Playground Behaviour.** When children are on the amphitheatre, if one person is being silly then everyone is asked to get off. Some children feel they are being punished because of one person. Jacob said that this sometimes happens in class. Sadie said that they can all miss some Golden Time because two people were talking when they shouldn't. Is this a fair system?

Mr Klausen told the council that sometimes this has to happen. It may be that staff don't know who is responsible so must take steps to keep everyone safe or find out who they are. If they don't own up then there is often little choice other than to sanction the whole group. Mr Klausen suggested that the School Council go back to their classes and remind the children that sometimes their actions can affect other people, or the whole class. They should tell them that they represent their class and our school at all times. School council need to keep eye on children who misbehave.

**AOB – Kane – Dictionaries.** Most teachers have mentioned needing more complex dictionaries with a wider range of words. Can Abby and Freddie speak to Mrs Thomas about purchasing more detailed dictionaries for classrooms? We could pass the current dictionaries further down the school and place more detailed ones in the upper classes.

**Meeting ended.**

**Date of next meeting TBA.**