

## Minutes for the Whole School Council meeting held on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> December in the Conference Centre

**Staff Present:** Mr Brinkley and Miss Jarocki

Representatives from all year groups were present

### **1. Apologies**

Dr Hunt

### **2. Matters arising from the previous meeting**

- Students wanted to know if anything had been decided about securing the bins to the floor. They cannot be secured to the floor but could possibly be secured to fences and this is going to be looked at; it is on the list of jobs to do.

### **3. Year 7 responses to the first term:**

- On the whole students are enjoying the new lessons and sports that they didn't have at primary school.

### **4. Suggestions from Year Councils**

- The Canteen was discussed and is currently under review. Students would like to see more advertising for meal deals etc. as they are unaware of these things. Students said that congestion in the canteen is high and could be improved if the pasta bar sold other bits and have more available at the snack shack.
- Students wondered if the school could become more eco-friendly. Students discussed that assemblies had taken place and recycling bins have been implemented but not all students are using them correctly.
- Students asked for more lighting around the school. Whilst Mr Young is putting new LED lights up around the site unfortunately we cannot get flood lights because of the expense. Sports fixtures are being changed to so that they happen earlier or tournaments take place instead.
- The boy's toilets were discussed at the meeting. Mr Brinkley explained that staff rely on the students telling them when things happen and who has done it, then they can be sanctioned accordingly. Students felt that if they could give tip-offs anonymously more students may do it.
- Classical music playing in corridors to calm congestion is a good idea but there is no sound system to facilitate it. Instead students could open both doors when travelling in the corridors. Also travelling in large groups causes problems and often students push each other. To be passed to HOYs.
- Students asked for mats to be placed at doors to prevent mud coming in. Mr Brinkley explained that there are mats at each door, but if there are specific places that they are not working to let him know so they can look.
- Homework. Students suggested that it is not consistently set and when they have multiple teachers they each set homework. Homework has already been addressed with staff to ensure

they are setting it. It depends on what teachers have decided in terms of homework so some teachers may set it individually or collectively. Also, negatives associated with homework were discussed and this will also be passed on to staff.

- Bike safety was discussed. There is a scheme in place to punish students abusing their ability to ride a bike.
- Students discussed buses and it was noted that they are much better now thanks to Mr Somers. Students complained about the public bus however, the school cannot deal with that bus since it is the County Council's responsibility.
- Students requested another water fountain due to queues for water fountains being too long. There used to be one near A block: could that be fixed or replaced with a push tap to just fill up bottles.
- Summer uniform date: a date cannot be set due to fluctuating temperatures.
- Students asked about replacing PE equipment. Mr Brinkley explained that it is replaced on a schedule system and Mr Kemp often looks at what can be done.
- Students also asked about girls and boys doing different sports. Mr Kemp is looking in to this.
- Students asked about if there could be a second hand uniform shop. Although it seems to be happening on social media Mr Brinley said he would speak to Dr Hunt about it.

#### **5. Indoor spaces in school suggestions**

- Prefects would be happy to monitor these spaces and will be given red cards to fill out if they need too.
- Using the hall for films is a good idea. Staff would have to be careful with age ratings since some students would not be legally allowed to watch certain films
- Games room: if someone is willing to supervise this room there is no problem with having one.
- Shelters: Mr Young is currently pricing up building our own shelter to see how expensive it would be.
- Students discussed having clear rules set out in classrooms. Mr Brinkley suggested students and staff coming up with the rules so that they are realistic for both.
- Students would like to have a range of different clubs. TT and NE to create a questionnaire to go around form groups to see what clubs are wanted.

#### **6. AOB**

- Year 7 said that their toilets are being used by other students. It was explained that they must report it as and when it happens.
- Students noted that some students do not treat MDA's with the respect they deserve and more punishments should be given for that.