



Snettisham Primary School

Learning Together, Succeeding Together

School Council Meeting 22nd February 2017

Attending: Mrs Darley (Chair), Mrs Hunt (Clerk), ZM,MR (Willow), NL, JR (Oak), AF, BP (Ash) and KS, KB (Birch)

1. Welcome:

Mrs Darley welcomed the school council representatives to the meeting and congratulated them on securing their new role. She explained how meetings would be run and discussed agendas and minutes, as well as the role of the clerk/chair. The SC members were also given an indication of what their role would involve, including bringing ideas and suggestions from others in their class to meetings.

2. Previous minutes:

Members reviewed the minutes from the previous meeting and discussed the feedback they had got from classes regarding the plan for playground markings. It was agreed that pupils felt that they did not want playground markings as the cost was high (£2800). They felt that the money could be better spent elsewhere.

Most representatives agreed that they would prefer not to run a mile before school each day as suggested by a school council representative from a school in Scotland – (they claimed it improved concentration/results).

3. School Development:

Mrs Darley explained that she would like to better utilise the wooden train by relocating it on the playground where it would get greater use. School council members agreed with this idea. Members discussed what use could be made of the site where the wooden boat once stood. It was agreed that it would be transformed into a track for the bikes and scooters used by EYFS. Mrs Darley agreed to look into the cost of materials to resurface the island and put in traffic lights etc.

Mrs Darley also discussed plans to relocate the canopy from the old Willow class to the amphitheatre in the garden in order to create an outdoor classroom with permanent seating. Charity donations totalling around £1150 would be used to help pay for these projects.

JR suggested that more play equipment would be appreciated for playground use. AF mentioned that some children did not use some of the equipment correctly and therefore it was often damaged. Mrs Darley suggested that pupils are reminded about how to use the equipment in an assembly with reminders from staff at playtimes too. KB suggested having some permanent play equipment at the front of the school but other members agreed that the front of the school should remain free from potential obstacles as it's where people come into school through the gates in the morning and is a small area in comparison to the back playground.

4. Red Nose Day suggestions – Feedback from year groups:

Willow:

- Make and sell red noses
- Buckets for collecting money
- Bake cakes to sell
- Wear red clothes to school for the day
- Sing songs
- School disco

Oak:

- Cake stall
- Dress up in red
- Lemonade stand

Ash:

- Dress up – pay £1 each
- Award a certificate for the reddest class
- Cake/biscuit stall
- Games – hide and seek/red nose treasure hunt
- Sponsored walk

Birch:

- Disco
- Pyjama day
- Silent disco
- Cake stall
- Dress up in red for the day

Agreement: Having discussed all the ideas put forward by classes it was agreed that for Red Nose Day children would wear red and Mrs Darley give a certificate for the reddest class. There will be a cake/biscuit/lemonade stall at 3pm and children can take part in a (Hunt the red nose) game.

5. AOB:

KB suggested that many year 6 children had been asking about Ambassadors. She explained that their role had included helping out in the office, door duty and corridor duty. They had also organised clubs during lunchtimes in the library- drawing and reading books. Mrs Darley expressed concerns with leaving children alone in the office during lunchtimes because of access to confidential items/notes that should be private. She also suggested that children shouldn't be opening doors to people coming into the school because of the safety aspect. Mrs Darley suggested monitors might be a better option as we have house captains now and they take on a more official role in and around the school. School Council members suggested possible jobs/roles for monitors and these included: Music in assembly, setting out chairs for assembly, Willow escorts, register monitors, shed (play equipment) monitors. It was agreed that 2 monitors would be assigned each role and would carry it out for half a term on rotation so that everyone has an opportunity to take part.

AF asked if the library would be up and running so that children could take books home and return them on a regular basis. He suggested that Mrs Smith had organised this in the past. Mrs Darley suggested that she was keen for the children to make greater use of the library and said that Mrs Smith would be coming back to work after Easter and therefore it would be re-established then.

KS expressed his concerns over safety as the shelter on the front playground can get very slippery on wet days and many children slip. Mrs Darley said that a rule would need to be put in place and shared with children in assembly. She added that the shelter should be used as a seating area rather than a climbing frame to play on.

Mrs Darley congratulated the school council for their conduct during the opening of the new building, escorting Sir Henry Bellingham around the school and welcoming visitors. MR and ZM reported that they were enjoying making good use of the new classroom and would give it 100/100 for how much they like it!

School Council will feedback about the meeting to the whole school at assembly on Monday 27th February.

The meeting closed at 11.30am

Next meeting: 19/04/17 at 10.45am