



# Snettisham Primary School

*Learning Together, Succeeding Together*

## *School Council Meeting 11<sup>th</sup> January 2018*

Attending: Mrs Hunt, Mrs Darley, SC (Willow), MK, JM(Oak), BD, JW (Ash) and MR, JR (Birch).

1. Apologies:

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2. Welcome:

Mrs Darley welcomed the school council representatives to the meeting and explained how a meeting is run, as well as the role of the school council representatives.

3. Previous minutes:

Members reviewed and agreed the minutes from the previous meeting. Most items on site have now been completed but the amphitheatre is just awaiting the installation of some seating.

4. Feedback from the School Council Conference

Members discussed their experience at the School Council Conference held at Dersingham Primary on 2<sup>nd</sup> November. The theme was wellbeing and mindfulness and representatives were grouped with children from other schools in the Smithdon cluster which enabled them to explore how other school councils operate.

Our school council representatives took part in a range of workshops including: brain gym/mindfulness training, having the opportunity to explore their senses in a specialist sensory van, creating memory bottles and even performing yoga by candlelight!

All the children said that they had had an excellent day and had been proud to represent Snettisham Primary School.

5. Feedback from year groups:

Willow Class:

- More large outdoor equipment: swings/slide/another type of climbing frame.  
The lack of space on the school site unfortunately restricts the installation of any additional large outdoor equipment.
- At lunchtime it can become quite loud in the dinner hall. Can we practise being quiet when the teacher puts her hand up please?  
After some discussion about the rising noise levels it was agreed that year 6 monitors should be assigned to each table to set an example to others and give reminders about noise levels.  
(Action ND/EH)
- Reminder to the whole school about the 'Buddy Bench'. Could it be re-painted so that it's nice and bright then everyone will know where it is?  
It was agreed that a buddy system would be put in place to ensure that the bench is used correctly. Purchase 'Playground Buddy' caps. (Action ND/EH)
- Willow Class would like a swimming pool or to be able to go for swimming lessons.  
It was agreed that some of the children in Willow Class are still very young and the pool at Bircham is very deep.
- Could we buy some rainbow ice packs to cheer children up when they get hurt?  
(Action - ND/EH to look into availability)
- Foam matting on the playground to keep us safe when using the rollers.  
It was agreed that a reminder should be given in an assembly about the safe use of rollers and equipment on the playground. (Action ND/EH)

#### Oak Class:

- More playtime toys as the same toys get a bit boring every day.  
It was suggested that perhaps the outdoor play equipment could be sorted into different containers, e.g. catching and throwing, skipping, balancing etc and that different boxes could be put out on rotation. (Action: Mrs Wing/Year 6 monitors)  
A roller rota was also suggested and it was agreed: Willow – Monday, Oak – Tuesday, Ash – Wednesday, Birch – Thursday, No rollers - Friday.
- Cops and Robbers to be banned on the playground due to an increase in rough play.  
Agreed.
- Please keep off the plants.  
A reminder is to be given in an assembly. (Action ND/EH)
- Children would like to play in the garden more often.  
During the winter months it was agreed that the garden is too muddy to play on. There will be plenty of opportunities to use the garden and field in the spring/summer term when the weather improves.

#### Ash Class:

- Request for the return of 'Bulldog'  
After some discussion it was agreed that Bulldog can be a dangerous game and had caused many grazed knees and bumped heads in the past and therefore would not be re-instated.
- To use the apparatus more often, alternating with outdoor PE sessions.  
It was agreed that Mrs Darley would speak to Mrs Bower about running some gym sessions during her visits to the school. (Action ND)
- Bring football back with an adult as referee.  
It was agreed that football would return when the weather is warm enough to go on the field where there is greater space to play football.
- In 'Golden Time' make greater use of the garden and trim trail.  
It was agreed that the garden and trim trail could be used during the warmer months in the spring and summer term.
- Make the house teams fair in numbers.  
After some investigation work it was found that the team houses are fair in numbers; London (22), Nairobi (21), New York (23), Sydney (22).
- More dance, music or film: club or in school.  
It was agreed that a potential dance club would be looked into. (Action – ND)
- Archery Club.  
ND/EH to approach Miss Scott with a view to running an archery club in the summer term.

#### Birch Class:

- Bring your pet to school day!  
Allergies in school prevent this from happening. An alternative would be to hold a 'Cuddly Toy Pet Show' with rosettes for the best shiny nose/fluffy tail etc. Red Nose Day 2018.
- Nerf Club.  
ND to approach KLFC to check availability. (Action ND)
- Bring a parent to school day.  
This was discussed and it was agreed that it was a good idea. Would need organisation with the number of chairs etc required.
- Supply of water available when on the field in the summer.  
It was agreed that this was a very good idea. ND/EH to look into options. (Action ND/EH)
- Sports Day pep talk.  
Representatives agreed that a pep talk from house captains would be well received on sports day.

6. Any Other Business:

Representatives noted that they had really enjoyed the Christmas Fair. The stalls were great and the event had been a success. They expressed some concern that residential visits were only happening every couple of years. Mrs Darley explained that this was due to the cost of the trips and numbers of pupils.

7. Date of next meeting: Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> March 2018, 10:15 am.