

School Council Meeting

16th July 2018

Attendees:

Head Boy	Bailey (Chair)
Head Girl	Hanu
Head of Mediators	Simon (Chair)
Year 1L	Ria
Year 1S	Nefertari
Year 2D	Ruben
Year 2M	Laiyla
Year 3F	Emily
Year 3S	Ellie
Year 4B	Klajdi
Year 4T	Rhian
Year 5P	Autumn
Year 5S	Emilia
Year 6A	Prisha
Year 6F	Abeer

Mr Leeming, Ms Campbell, Ms McEnroe (Minutes)

Item	Note	Action
1.	<p>Welcome - Bailey</p> <p>Bailey welcomed attendees to the meeting.</p>	
2.	<p>Introduction – Mr Leeming</p> <p>Mr Leeming stated that this would be the last meeting of the School Council this school year and congratulated the members of the council on the most successful year for a School Council ever, as the members have given the Council a lot of consideration and brought up questions that are so good that Melcombe has been asked by staff from another school if they can visit to see how our Council is run.</p> <p>Mr Leeming asked members of the Council what they had liked about the last year.</p> <p>Emily stated that she had been doing fun activities and school had not been boring.</p> <p>Ms Campbell stated that there had been a great year for the School Council.</p> <p>Emilia stated she had most enjoyed literacy.</p> <p>Klajdi stated that he had enjoyed the Big Walk.</p>	

	<p>Abeer stated that he enjoyed sports, playing with his friends and learning.</p> <p>Ruben stated that he had enjoyed working with the PE coaches and doing new games.</p> <p>Hanu stated that school had been good and it gets good SATS results. She hopes to have achieved good results.</p> <p>Tianna stated that she had liked the whole year.</p> <p>Ellie stated that she had most enjoyed art and it had been fun doing painting.</p> <p>Laiyla stated that her teacher had planned fun activities.</p> <p>Ria stated that the trips had helped her learn about subjects.</p> <p>Prisha stated that she liked everything and she hoped she got good SATS results.</p> <p>Mr Leeming stated that the behaviour of the children had improved and that others could learn from examples at Melcombe.</p> <p>Ria stated that she had enjoyed RE the most.</p> <p>Simon stated that he liked PE and the school journey the best, but liked everything.</p>	
<p>3.</p>	<p>Q1. Has there been any improvement to the toilets? - Bailey</p> <p>Hanu stated that she often finds no soap in the toilets, tissue being left everywhere and the floor wet.</p> <p>Ruben stated that people throw wet tissue on the floor and cameras should be put in the toilets.</p> <p>Klajdi stated that every time he goes into the toilet, the sink is full. It gets fixed, but then someone blocks it again.</p> <p>Prisha stated that the toilets have improved, but the sinks are often blocked with tissue and the toilets have not been flushed.</p> <p>Tianna stated that the first toilet on the second floor often gets broken.</p> <p>Autumn stated that in the lower phase toilets, all the doors do not have locks.</p> <p>Simon stated that there have been improvements, but people have been clogging up the toilets with tissue and not treating them with</p>	

	<p>respect.</p> <p>Abeer stated that some toilets do not work properly.</p> <p>Laiyla stated that often there is no tissue in the toilet.</p> <p>Emilia stated that the toilets can be flooded. As there are no cameras, no one respects them.</p> <p>Emily stated that some toilets do not lock.</p> <p>Ria said that there can be tissue everywhere.</p> <p>Ruben stated that, on the second floor, a new tap was fitted, but when pressed, it did not work.</p> <p>Mr Leeming stated that the staff are aware the toilets are being vandalised by some children, but it is not known by who or at what time.</p> <p>Mr Leeming asked members of the School Council to remind teachers that they should be signing children in and out of class when they go to the toilet so that when there is a problem those responsible can be identified. The situation will be monitored to find the children who are doing this.</p>	
<p>4.</p>	<p>Q2. Has behaviour improved? - Bailey</p> <p>Hanu stated that behaviour has got much better since the last meeting and people are being treated with more respect.</p> <p>Emily agreed and stated that there is less silly behaviour.</p> <p>Simon stated that sometimes, at lunchtime, people were crying about how they had been teased, but this has got better in the last two months.</p> <p>Laiyla stated that some people go near the gate.</p> <p>Tianna stated that not so many are playing in the interlink now, as prefects watch the area and ensure nothing bad happens.</p> <p>Emilia stated that there are some girls with slime who argue and slime should be stopped.</p> <p>Prisha stated that at lunchtimes, when equipment is taken out, people push and shove.</p> <p>Klajdi stated that behaviour has improved, but there are some people who punch and kick as a joke.</p>	

	<p>Mr Leeming stated that the noise from the interlink has been a problem. Some teachers could not hear in classes, so children are no longer allowed in the interlink.</p> <p>Mr Leeming stated that there was better behaviour than there used to be. Children are following the rules and telling an adult when there is a problem, so it can be sorted out. Also, they are telling an adult so that other children can go to reflection. There is always an adult on duty for this.</p> <p>Ms Campbell added that when senior teachers are on duty in the pavilion, it is nice to see the children and say hello. Also, the pavilion is somewhere you can go to talk to a teacher.</p>	
<p>5.</p>	<p>Q3. What are lunches like? - Bailey</p> <p>Hanu stated that a lot of food goes to waste.</p> <p>Tianna stated that lunches have improved.</p> <p>Emily stated that lunches have improved, but some children complain about how little they get.</p> <p>Emilia stated that lunches have improved, but little food is given out.</p> <p>Laiyla stated that she used to eat school dinners, but no longer does. She saw red in her meat and was told to eat around it.</p> <p>Prisha stated that lunches still need to be improved. Sometimes there are good choices, sometimes not.</p> <p>Mr Leeming stated that there have been complaints and suggestions. The school has a contract with Eden, the current providers, for one year. One company has invited Melcombe to see what they can offer. After one year, Melcombe will change provider.</p>	
<p>6.</p>	<p>Any Other Business:</p> <p>6.1 Melcombe Population Increasing – Mr Leeming</p> <p>Mr Leeming stated that the school is running well. Children may have seen Mr Leeming walking around the school with new parents and children. Last week, four new children visited, three more will visit today, and three tomorrow. The school is getting fuller. This is partly because the schools around it, such as Lena Gardens, are getting smaller. Melcombe may break its current record for number of children.</p> <p>Klajdi asked Mr Leeming how many children there are currently in the school.</p>	

Mr Leeming stated that there are currently 405 children at Melcombe, but that this figure is likely to go up to around 420 in the next school year.

Simon asked if the school will get more funding next year.

Mr Leeming stated that it will not. Funding is currently a challenge for all schools. Mr Leeming informed the Council that the school is having to ask some of the staff to leave because the school cannot afford to pay their salaries.

Abeer asked if there would be more charity events.

Mr Leeming stated that up to now it has been quite difficult to involve parents in events, but he has asked Ms Cox to work an afternoon each week with parents. Some parent representatives have already had two meetings with Ms Cox. There will be a Parent Teacher Association which will work with Ms Cox. Ms Cox has arranged a disco within the first few weeks of next term to raise funds for the school.

6.2 Living Wall – Mr Leeming

After much chasing of the council for the promised funding, the living wall along the fence in front of the nursery will be installed over the summer holiday.

6.3 Behaviour of Children – Ruben/Laiyla

Ruben stated that some children in his class have been showing the middle finger to each other. Mr Leeming stated that he must tell a teacher straight away if he sees this happen.

Laiyla stated that she had heard children were kicking other children in the privates.

Mr Leeming asked if this had been addressed.

Laiyla stated that this had been sorted – a bit.

Mr Leeming told Laiyla that she must report this every time she hears about it.

Ms Campbell stated that behaviour has been a lot better and that this is to do with children like the School Council members reporting issues to an adult every time something happens, rather than keeping them to themselves. Ms Campbell thanked the members of the Council for this.

6.4 Tablets – Emilia

	<p>Emilia stated that some children are saying that next year, Year 6 children will get tablets.</p> <p>Mr Leeming confirmed that only the children in the current Years 3 and 4 will get tablets.</p> <p>6.5 Head Boy and Head Girl – Emilia</p> <p>Emilia asked when next year’s Head Boy and Head Girl would be announced.</p> <p>Mr Leeming stated that the announcement is usually made on the last day of summer term.</p> <p>6.6 Close of Meeting</p> <p>Mr Leeming thanked the School Council for a very good year. The current Council has set the benchmark very high for next year. He stated that the school would miss the Year 6 children when they leave. They have been a very strong year.</p> <p>Ms Campbell thanked the School Council members and stated that adults coming in to the school have been very impressed by them.</p> <p>Bailey thanked the children for being an awesome School Council and stated that the work they had done will help to make the school even better.</p>	
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