

## School Council Meeting

18<sup>th</sup> October 2018

### Attendees:

Head Boy	Mohamed
Head Girl	Autumn
Heads of Mediators	Nancy Emelia Joshua Byrne Joshua Bylina
Year 1D	Arham
Year 1S	Ammar
Year 2D	Olivia P
Year 2S	Evie
Year 3F	Valentino
Year 3M	Olivia K
Year 4B	Ismael
Year 4T	Zainab
Year 5F	Hudson
Year 5S	Day-Paul
Year 6A	Haydn
Year 6P	Liban

Mr Leeming, Ms Campbell, Ms McEnroe (Minutes)

Item	Note	Action
1.	<p><b>Welcome – Mr Leeming</b></p> <p>Mr Leeming welcomed attendees and introduced Mohamed as Chair of the meeting. The School Council is made up of one representative from each class, with the Heads of Mediators, the Head Boy and the Head Girl. The School Council meets every half-term. A different person will act as Chair each time and will answer questions which council members should answer honestly. Mr Leeming and Ms Campbell will then talk, followed by opportunities to ask questions. Ms Anderson, the Chair of Governors, is attending this meeting. She will also talk and there will be an opportunity to ask her questions.</p>	
2.	<p><b>Introductions – Mohamed</b></p> <p>Mohamed invited all attendees to introduce themselves to the other council members.</p>	
3.	<p><b>Q1. How do you feel about the teaching? - Mohamed</b></p> <p>Liban stated that he felt the teaching is amazing. Teachers encourage children in what they want to achieve.</p> <p>Hadyn stated that the teaching is really good; he feels inspired to learn and listen.</p>	

	<p>Hudson stated that he likes the teaching a lot, children are encouraged to challenge themselves and move forward.</p> <p>Day-Paul stated that the teaching is good, especially as, if children are stuck, then teachers go over things again to make sure they understand.</p> <p>Zainab stated that the teaching is really good. The teachers are helpful and will repeat things if children ask.</p> <p>Ismael stated that the teaching helps children move forward and gain a lot more knowledge.</p> <p>Olivia P stated that the teaching is really good. Teachers will tell children things again if they don't understand.</p> <p>Arham stated that children get to do things they like.</p> <p>Nancy stated that the teaching increases your vocabulary and gives you a great mindset and a positive attitude to learning.</p> <p>Joshua Byrne stated that the teachers try to make you do your best.</p> <p>Joshua Bylina stated that the teachers encourage you to do well.</p> <p>Emelia stated that the teachers help you towards your SATs and help you prepare for secondary school.</p> <p>Autumn stated that the teachers not only help you do what you are supposed to do, but also push you beyond your limits.</p>	
<p><b>4.</b></p>	<p><b>Q2. Do you think it is a friendly school? - Mohamed</b></p> <p>Haydn stated that it is a friendly school because if you are in one of the groups, like Junior Road Safety Officers, they get involved in other things, like helping the elderly across the road, and the International Ambassadors sell things to others.</p> <p>Day-Paul stated that, at play-time, the teachers make sure no one is play-fighting or doing bad things.</p> <p>Hudson stated that it is easy to make friends and it is fun to play with all the other children.</p> <p>Joshua Bylina stated that the school is friendly, but there can be some bullying.</p> <p>Mr Leeming asked Joshua if any issues around bullying that he knew of had been sorted out.</p>	

	<p>Joshua confirmed that they had.</p> <p>Mr Leeming told the council that they must always report any incidents of bullying.</p>	
<p><b>5.</b></p>	<p><b>Q3. Do you enjoy the school dinners? - Mohamed</b></p> <p>Valentino stated that he enjoyed the school dinners and there are salads which are really good.</p> <p>Emelia stated that the lunches are not really good. They can be cold. Parents pay for the food even though children do not like it.</p> <p>Nancy stated that she does not think the school dinners are very nice. Sometimes the plates, forks and knives have water on them.</p> <p>Ismael stated that he thought the school dinners are still great, most of the time.</p> <p>Haydn stated that the food was not hot and there was something white on his friend's plate.</p> <p>Liban stated he thought the school dinners were delicious and he enjoyed them.</p> <p>Haydn stated that he thought the school dinners were not very nice.</p> <p>Mr Leeming stated that some children will always enjoy the food and some will not. The school does its best to keep the things that the children like. Lyn advises the company who provide the food on what children have enjoyed and the menu gets changed to suit the children. Mr Leeming stated that it is felt the school meals are getting better. The school has to give the children healthy food. The school cannot only always give children their favourite food as the government will not allow it. In the UK and in school, people can be tempted to eat unhealthily and the school has a responsibility to teach children to be healthy.</p> <p>Mr Leeming stated that the school may change who provides its food.</p> <p>Haydn asked if the food could be warmer. He was given a wrap which was cold.</p> <p>Mr Leeming stated that this could be hard. Food is not intentionally served cold. Wraps do not have to be served warm.</p> <p>Ismael stated that the burgers are unhealthy.</p> <p>Mr Leeming stated that the burgers in school are healthy burgers.</p>	

	<p>Emelia asked what had happened to sausage and gravy.</p> <p>Mr Leeming stated that the programme changes every three weeks and the food is not always the same.</p> <p>Joshua Byrne asked, as Liban said his wrap was cold, could Mr Ward call classes in a specific order for dinner?</p> <p>Mr Leeming stated that Mr Ward had done this in the past, but Year 6 was always last, so the system was changed to make it fairer for everyone.</p>	
<p><b>6.</b></p>	<p><b>Q4. How do people feel about PE? – Mr Leeming</b></p> <p>Mr Leeming stated that the school pays for coaches to come in to teach PE. The coaches are not teachers.</p> <p>Joshua Byrne stated that the coaches are really great.</p> <p>Olivia K stated that not very many children in her class like sport, but their PE is mostly football.</p> <p>Emelia stated that the coaches are good, but the class mostly plays football to prepare for the Mayor’s Cup.</p> <p>Hudson stated that he likes PE, but every week his class plays football. His class would like to do something different at least every other week.</p> <p>Hadyn stated that he likes PE, but he would like to do sports that everyone likes.</p> <p>Zainab stated that her class does not really do sports, just warm ups.</p> <p>Evie stated that the coaches are nice to the children.</p> <p>Day-Paul stated that it is good to have other people coming into the school to teach the children what they learned when they were children.</p> <p>Mr Leeming stated that he would be surprised to hear that classes are only playing football as that is not his understanding of what should be happening. Children are supposed to be doing a range of activities.</p> <p>Haydn stated that, for this half-term, his class has just been playing football.</p> <p>WL stated that he would follow up on this.</p> <p><b>Action: Mr Leeming to follow up on children only playing football</b></p>	<p>Mr Leeming</p>

	<p><b>in PE.</b></p>	
<p><b>7.</b></p>	<p><b>Q5. How do you find the clubs? – Mr Leeming</b></p> <p>Mr Leeming stated that the school used to have a different group of people delivering the clubs. When the school changed providers, it asked providers to explain what they would do for clubs at Melcombe and how much it would cost. The school now pays Fulham Football Club Foundation to coach for some of the clubs. How could they be better?</p> <p>Joshua Byrne asked what the options had been.</p> <p>Mr Leeming stated that they had been Lullah Sports, Fulham Football Club Foundation and another company. The government sends inspectors to the school to check that the school obtains quotes from three providers for such services.</p> <p>Ismael asked how the school gets into the Mayor’s Cup.</p> <p>Joshua Byrne stated that if Dan sees a child who plays really well or cooperates or is not a sore loser, they could get in.</p> <p>Mr Leeming stated that if a child’s behaviour is not good at school, they cannot play in matches because children have embarrassed Melcombe in the past by being bad sportspeople and being bad mannered.</p> <p>Haydn stated that he thought the clubs were really good and children learned a lot. He stated that he really likes the clubs he does.</p> <p>Mr Leeming stated that many schools have fewer clubs and do not have clubs like Athletics and homework clubs.</p> <p>Joshua Byrne asked if the school could bring back Melcombe University.</p> <p>Mr Leeming stated that Melcombe University had been an idea of his; classes had less to do on Friday afternoons and, so that something constructive took place, teachers thought of something that they would like to teach, for example birdwatching or photography, and children could choose to learn these different subjects. The government then introduced a new curriculum and the subjects could no longer be fitted in.</p> <p>Joshua Byrne asked if classes could be made shorter in the mornings and a different lesson could be added.</p> <p>Mr Leeming stated that the timetable is carefully worked out as not all children go to break and lunch at the same time, so this would be</p>	

	<p>hard to do, but children could speak to their teachers about this.</p> <p>Hudson stated that the clubs are really fun. Children get to meet more people, people who might not be in their group or class.</p> <p>Mr Leeming stated that this was good, and children could work together in a team.</p> <p>Haydn asked if Melcombe could have Melcombe University as a club.</p> <p>Mr Leeming stated that this was a good idea and that there was a possibility of this.</p>	
<p><b>8.</b></p>	<p><b>Update from Mr Leeming</b></p> <p>Mr Leeming stated that he believes the school is doing really well. One of the things to be most pleased about is that the school is getting more children. Parents have heard very good things about Melcombe. Unfortunately Melcombe does not have a lot of money as the government has been cutting down on funds, but the parents have started the 'Friends of Melcombe' and this is getting opened up to more parents and there will be a meeting after half-term. On Halloween, children will be able to dress up for a donation of £1.00 towards the school. Last year, the school raised a lot of money for different charities, this year, we will raise money for Melcombe, as well as doing charitable work.</p> <p>The school now has the living wall, it looks good and all are pleased with it. We are testing out markings in the playground. We will ask the School Council what other markings could be done.</p> <p>Emelia asked why the school is not an Academy.</p> <p>Mr Leeming stated that the schools that became academies ten years ago accessed a lot of money by doing this, but now, for the work that would have to be done to become an academy, it would not be worth it. Also, the school is currently able to access a lot of help from London Borough of Hammersmith and Fulham. However, the school will soon be becoming part of a federation. It will join with a nursery school.</p> <p>Joshua Byrne asked if, regarding parents raising money, the International Ambassadors could have a day when everyone could wear the colours of their country.</p> <p>Ismael asked what the living wall is.</p> <p>Mr Leeming explained that the living wall is the wall of plants by the nursery. It is there because of pollution caused by the high numbers of cars and trucks going up and down the road outside. The</p>	

	<p>government said that something should be done about the pollution, so the Eco-Warriors arranged for the wall to be installed. There is also a machine monitoring the pollution levels.</p> <p>Hadyn stated that some children in his class were asking for better playground equipment, e.g. swings.</p> <p>Mr Leeming stated that there is a lot of equipment in the playground, but the problem is that people do not return it. Mr Leeming asks Mr Ward to buy equipment and it does get brought outside. Mr Leeming stated that the school does not have a lot of expensive equipment because children do not take care of it and it disappears.</p> <p>Mohammed stated that someone should monitor the equipment.</p> <p>Mr Leeming stated that the equipment is monitored.</p>	
<b>9.</b>	<p><b>Update from Ms Campbell</b></p> <p>The Rights Respecters will be having a bring and buy sale. Everyone can bring in new or nearly new clothes or toys, then the Rights Respecters will sell them to other people. The sale will take place during the week of the 12<sup>th</sup> November.</p> <p>Haydn asked when Black and White day will be.</p> <p>Ms Campbell stated that children may wear red tomorrow to raise awareness against racism. There will be no donation requested.</p> <p>On 23<sup>rd</sup> November, children can bring £1.00 to wear black and white.</p>	
<b>10.</b>	<p><b>Introduction from Ms Anderson, Chair of Governors</b></p> <p>Ms Anderson stated that she was a teacher for a long time at Henry Compton/Fulham College Boys' School and she is now a playwright, but misses working in education. She is now the Chair of Governors at Melcombe and is in charge of the Head Teacher. Ms Anderson stated that children can talk to her about any issues they have. Ms Anderson thanked the children for their contributions to meeting.</p>	
<b>11.</b>	<p><b>Any Other Business</b></p> <p>Hadyn stated that the hall floors are cleaner and fresher than they were, but sometimes there are things on the floor.</p> <p>Mr Leeming stated that unfortunately they are cleaned at the end of lunchtime.</p> <p>Haydn stated that the school should get more goal posts, there is a broken net.</p>	

