

**Minutes of the School Council Meeting
Melcombe Primary School**

17th July 2019

Attendees:

Head Boy	Mohamed
Head Girl	Autumn
Heads of Mediators	Emilia Ruby Joshua Byrne Joshua Bylina
Year 1D	Arham
Year 1S	Ammaar
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	Rhian
Year 6A	Haydn
Year 6P	Liban

Mr Leeming, Ms Campbell, Ms McEnroe (Minutes)

Item	Note	Action
1.	<p>Welcome – Mr Leeming</p> <p>Mr Leeming welcomed attendees and appointed Autumn as Chair of the meeting.</p>	
2.	<p>Minutes of the Last Meeting (20/06/19) – Mr Leeming</p> <p>Autumn spoke to Ms Campbell about adding litter duty to the rota. Ms Campbell decided this was not to be added.</p> <p>Unfortunately there had not been time to organise a School Council Assembly.</p> <p>Re. Item 2: Mr Leeming did ask teachers to monitor behaviour.</p> <p>Re. Item 7: Autumn did speak to Ms Campbell regarding prefect duties.</p>	
3.	<p>Q1. What has gone well at Melcombe this year? – Autumn</p> <p>Liban stated that he believed PE was better than before because the coaches had been more fair and he got to do things that he enjoys.</p> <p>Ismael stated that he felt PE had gone well because the coaches were more</p>	

	<p>fair.</p> <p>Rhian stated that the trips were fun and that she enjoyed the opportunity, once a trip was over, to sit down and play for a while.</p> <p>Haydn stated that he had thought the school journey went well.</p> <p>Arham stated that he thought PE went well.</p> <p>Zainab stated that she had enjoyed the trips.</p> <p>Joshua Bylina stated that he felt the school journey had gone well.</p> <p>Joshua Byrne stated that he felt that Ms Pearce had got more strict because children had slacked off after SATs and that the subject he felt was most fun was art.</p> <p>Autumn stated that she felt guitar had gone well.</p> <p>Mr Leeming agreed and stated that he felt clubs had improved.</p> <p>The members agreed that choir and music in general had gone well.</p> <p>Zainab stated that she had enjoyed learning the trumpet.</p>	
<p>4.</p>	<p>Q2. What could be improved? – Autumn</p> <p>Hadyn asked if children could have their phones on school journey.</p> <p>Mr Leeming stated that it was the rule of the place where the children stay that children must not have phones or radios.</p> <p>Ms Campbell stated that this was do with the insurance of the place the children stay in.</p> <p>Joshua Byrne stated that, while he had been in Year 6, there had been no major trips, for example, to museums.</p> <p>Ms Campbell stated that there had been trips to HMS Belfast and the British Museum as well as the Into University trip and the school journey.</p> <p>Mr Leeming stated that the trips that are arranged will depend on what children are learning. Ms Moffat looks at the curriculum and works out activities that relate to it, for example, Mr Leeming was invited to talk about South Africa.</p> <p>Ismael stated that some children skip lunch.</p> <p>Haydn stated that after Years 3 and 4, children stop doing swimming.</p> <p>Mr Leeming stated that the government wants to ensure that all children</p>	

	<p>learn to swim in Year 3. The school pays for an additional year of swimming for Year 4. Mr Leeming stated that he would like children to be able to continue swimming and has asked Mr Berriman and Perry about this. Mr Leeming stated that he used to be a swimming coach and he would like Melcombe to attend events like swimming galas. Costings for this are being explored.</p> <p>Ms Campbell stated that swimming is a life-saving skill, which is why it is seen as important to learn in Year 3.</p> <p>Ismael stated that there used to be rulers in the box in Art Club, but now there are not any.</p> <p>Mr Leeming stated that supplies should be topped up by the teacher.</p> <p>Autumn stated that in maths and English, the stationery was more organised.</p> <p>Mr Leeming stated that this was because children were made individually responsible for looking after it.</p> <p>Ms Campbell stated that it was up to teachers to decide whether or not they want to use pencil cases.</p> <p>Joshua Byrne stated that in Year 1 and/or 2, there had been a pencil pot on their table with an equal number of pens etc. in it.</p> <p>Mr Leeming stated that how this was organised would be up to the teacher.</p> <p>Ms Campbell stated that, in secondary school, children would be responsible for their own stationery and maths equipment.</p> <p>Joshua Bylina stated that an improvement would be forcing people to carry out their duties.</p> <p>Ms Campbell asked how this could be done.</p> <p>Joshua Byrne stated that if someone missed their duties a certain number of times, e.g. three or five, then they should lose their prefect badge.</p> <p>Haydn stated that there should be a list made of everyone capable of the duties from which the children are selected then, if they do not do their job or abuse their power and are not a good role model, the job should be given to someone else.</p>	
<p>5. Update from Mr Leeming</p>	<p>Mr Leeming stated that, on the whole, he feels very impressed with this year's School Council and sometimes, when he feels sad, reading about something good in the minutes of a School Council Meeting will cheer him up and he looks forward to School Council Meetings.</p>	

	<p>Mr Leeming thanked the children, mostly for their honesty, as things cannot be improved unless he knows what is wrong. Mr Leeming thanked the children for their truthfulness, but at the same time for expressing their views in a positive way.</p> <p>Mr Leeming stated that in September, Melcombe will have joined with the two other nursery schools; Bayonne Nursery and James Lee Nursery and that this would be an exciting time.</p> <p>Mr Leeming wished the Year 6 children good luck for their move to secondary school and reminded them never to pretend they did not know him in the street and to remind him who they were and say hello!</p> <p>Mr Leeming stated to Year 6 children that they would always be 'Melcombe Children' and Melcombe would always be their home school.</p>	
<p>6.</p>	<p>Next School Council Meeting – Mr Leeming</p> <p>Ms Campbell invited children to come to Melcombe to do work experience when they get older. Arrangements can be made by asking secondary schools about this. Children who do not want to be teachers can still do work experience in a school.</p> <p>Ms Campbell thanked the members of the School Council and stated that they had changed things in the school, for example, how the toilets are monitored, meaning that there are fewer incidents relating to these, and there have been changes made to PE thanks to the children's comments. Also, prefects have been made more efficient and changes are being considered to PSHE thanks to comments from the School Council.</p>	