



School Council Minutes

Date: Thursday 23rd May 2019

Venue: Year 3 Teaching Base

Focus: Outdoor Reading Area and Suggestions

Minutes taken by: Teni

Meeting chaired by: Minahil

1. Apologies: None

2. Minutes of Last Meeting

Minutes of last meeting were discussed and agreed. Feedback from actions taken were as follows:

3. Councillor/Governor Jane Jones Visit

Councillor Jane Jones has expressed her gratitude for attending the 'Q & A' meeting with the school council. She was very pleased with the children's behaviour and professionalism. She thought that they were very polite and were great Ambassadors for Becontree Primary. In addition to that she had the opportunity to ask the children some questions regarding safeguarding and what it's like studying at Becontree Primary with some positive responses. Questions and Answers can be viewed on the school Council website.

4. Outdoor Book Area

The Outdoor Book Area has been successfully set up and is currently being used by students using a rota system. Miss Gaughran has confirmed an additional budget of £700 is available to purchase books for the library. She would like the School Council's view on what they wish to see in the Library, from favourite authors, genres, fiction and/or non-fiction to poetry books etc. Mrs Khan to forward a list of authors/genres to Miss Gaughran. Julian and Karla agreed to assist Miss Gaughran in placing the orders on behalf of their peers.

ACTION: MRS KHAN

5. Town Hall Chambers Visit

Mrs Khan confirmed with the help of Councillor Jones, School Council will be visiting the Town Hall Chambers on Friday 12th July 2019. They will have the opportunity to meet the Mayor in the morning followed by a tour to view some exhibits and learn some of the history of the regalia.

6. Graffiti Wall (Pupil Voice Display Board)

Mrs Khan confirmed that children have been busy responding to the Pupil Voice – Graffiti Wall question on ‘Children’s Rights and National Children’s Day’. This opportunity enables children to speak up and for adults to be aware of what children are thinking. Mrs Khan will select ‘3 winners’ from the board to announce in assembly. A new question re. ‘Inspirational People in History’ to be introduced to children in assembly to respond to.

7. Suggestions

The following suggestions were raised:

- Can comic/books be sold to raise money? – children would like to raise money for school by donating their own books to sell to other children.
- Tuck Shop at present sell only one flavour of ice-cream – can a selection of flavours be sold? – Teni to approach Mrs Allen whether this is possible. **ACTION: TENI**
- Classes should be allowed to go with their friend in the outdoor reading area – there should be a limit on how many children read in this area as it can get very crowded. Children on ‘green’ on the behaviour chart, should be prioritised to go in the Reading Area.
- An additional behaviour colour- ‘gold’ should be added to the behaviour chart for children that are exceptionally well behaved – Arthur agreed to speak to Mrs Stock. **ACTION: ARTHUR**
- Year 5 would like to have a large slide in the KS2 playground. Zara to clarify exact location for this slide. **ACTION: ZARA**
- Mrs Ziane would like children to suggest some table top games for next academic year.
- There is a minimal number of buddies in year 6, there should be more buddies to assist with additional tasks – Lucas to speak to Mrs Peters for a possible increase of numbers for next year. **ACTION: LUCAS**
- Children would like a basketball hoop and basketball in KS1 playground. Lucretia and William to approach Mr Hack with support from Havillah - **ACTION: LUCRETIA, WILLIAM & HAVILLAH**
- Year 5 suggested that there should be an obstacle course/climbing frame for KS1 – Mrs Ziane confirmed that the present frame does need renewing. If Becontree wins the Tesco competition, they will be provided with a prize of £4,000 worth of equipment.
- Year 6 would like a large size basketball to use during playtime/lunchtime but due to the safety of children passing by or playing near-by, a large size ball cannot be provided as its heavier and can cause injuries.

- All teachers should be provided with a message every Friday lunchtime – unfortunately this suggestion was raised late last year and most members of staff objected to a message mat as they agreed the money could be used wisely on children instead.

8. AOB

Mrs Khan confirmed that a school council trip to the House of Parliament has been secured for Tuesday 12th November 2019. Children elected next academic year will be attending this trip.