

2018-10-05

APOLOGIES

1 PF member unwell.

Present – Headteacher (Andy Taylor) Governor Cassim Bakharia, Secretary Lucy Govan and 10 forum members.

WELCOME

Mr Taylor introduced himself and explained the purpose of the new pupil forum. Members of the new forum took turns to introduce themselves and say a little about why they are part of the forum.

- Mr Taylor took some time to explain how the agenda works for each meeting and that each meeting will last one hour at the most
- Meetings will be once each half term and will follow the agenda created by the Pupil Forum Secretary (Lucy Govan)
- Members who wish to add something to the agenda should contact the secretary before the next meeting.
- The forum representatives are role models for the rest of the school and will have badges – their role is to embody the values and ethos of the school

MEMBERSHIP

- Each class from y6-11 has elected a representative to gain class views, attend meetings and provide feedback.

DESCRIPTION OF POSTHOLDER ROLES

Mr Taylor described the duties of each post and explained that these roles are to be allocated at the next meeting.

The roles are -

- Chair – leads the meetings
- Vice Chair – helps the Chair to run the meetings
- Treasurer – looks after the budget
- Secretary – Lucy Govan
- Governor representative – Cassim Bakharia
- Headteacher – Andy Taylor
- Members

BUDGET

- There will be an allocation of £1000 to support the development of the school according to priorities determined by the forum members.

BIG ISSUE

- Mr Taylor explained that the Pupil Forum will choose a big issue (outside of the school) to focus on.
- The members split into smaller groups and discussed ideas for a bigger issue to focus on. Ideas were –
 - Charitable event idea – cinema with popcorn in hall.
 - Blankets, food and water to help the homeless.
 - Water to remote areas
 - Recycling and reducing the use of plastic in school.
 - Onsite crusher for recycling
 - Stranded people due to natural disasters – the school could send aid to countries where people have lost homes
 - Cracks in the pavements outside school – these are not safe and the school could ask the council to fix them

SCHOOL ISSUE

- Pupil Forum members split into groups to discuss initial thoughts on things that would improve school life.
- Ideas –
 - Encourage more children to get involved with playground sports/activities
 - Get rid of pinball/table tennis as no one uses it and perhaps expand the gym
 - Change MUGA to skateboard park – (another member countered that the football activities were popular however)
 - The MUGA could be changed turf or artificial grass
 - Developing Independence by letting adults help children to make their own choices
 - Safety – encouraging older students to show younger students what is safe or not safe
 - More seating areas in the playground
 - Waterproof cover for seating so they can still be used after it rains.
 - The area behind the gym needs more plants so that the area can't be dug up or rolled about in
 - Running track on the playground – or a treadmill
 - Boxing bag

- Stop tree climbing – older students sometimes climb the trees which doesn't set a good example for younger students.
- Tuck shop or vending machine

ACTION – The Pupil Forum to carry out a Needs Analysis - Members will speak to their classes and peers about how popular playground areas and equipment are and if they are not popular - why not? – For example, is it because they are broken or there are parts missing?

ACTION – Pupil Forum members to consider the Forum posts and if they would want to put themselves forward for roles.

ACTION – Pupil Forum members will consider the best use of the PF budget.

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Date of next meeting – December 7th 2018