

School Council Meeting Minutes 11th December 2009

Mrs Willing welcomed everyone, particularly Mrs Procter and also Mrs Oomen who will be attending later.

This is the first council meeting to take place in school time and Mrs Willing thanked Mr Ford for allowing this. Mr Ford knows how important it is to the School.

Mrs Willing advised Joe that Mrs Oomen is running late and therefore the council would discuss item 3 later in the meeting.

Joe and Rizwan reported back on their meeting with Mr Ford.

- He is looking into a sign for the top playground and will report back when he knows how much this will be.
- There are plans for the swimming pool area for next season to improve it.
- The ICT suite could be used by children at lunch times if there is a teacher to supervise it. This would probably on be for the juniors.

ACTION – Joe and Rizwan to speak to teachers re ICT room.

The playground markings survey will be discussed later in the meeting.

Mrs Procter said how glad she was to be at the meeting. She asked if the council could help with the recruitment of the new Head teacher. Their views and opinions are very important. She asked if they could go back to their classes and find out what everyone thinks the new Head teacher should be like and what they should be able to do. She will come in and collect their views on Friday 8th January.

ACTION – all class council members to go back to class and discuss this with other children then list their requirements for a Head teacher.

Reception has asked if they could have a race car track. Rizwan thought there might be one in the Equipment shed. Mrs Willing thought we could do an appeal for cars and track. Also a permanent track could be made by a class doing a Transport topic next term. It was also pointed out that there is a track on the decking area.

ACTION – Rizwan to get track out of the Equipment shed and take it to Reception. Joe and Rizwan will write a letter asking for a donation of old cars.

Year 1 raised the issue that it is a long way to go to the toilets if you are playing on the bottom playground. There followed a discussion regarding this and the following were suggested:-

- Could the Reception/Year 1 toilets be used?
- Could the hall door be used as a quicker route?

Mrs Procter suggested that the children go to the toilet before going out to play. Mrs Willing reminded everyone that it is a class rule that children don't go in lesson time.

ACTION – Mrs Willing will speak to Mrs Bellotti and Mrs Bellamy about using the toilets in their rooms. She will also speak to the teachers about the problem.

Year 2 are worried about the hedge on the top playground. People go behind the hedge and are destroying it. Lucas said that there was nothing to do on the playground as all the footballs have been lost. There will be new footballs after Christmas. The issue was discussed and the following were suggested:-

- A sign could be put up
- A fence could be put around it.
- There could be a system of 3 warnings then children would be fined with year 6 patrolling it.

It was pointed out that sometimes children have to go behind the hedge to retrieve things. It was also decided that there should only be 1 warning and then a fine.

ACTION – Joe and Rizwan are going to talk to Mrs Clarke about Year 6 supervising the hedge and making a sign.

Year 4 would like a timetable for the kitchen area. This was discussed but it was decided that there isn't a need for a timetable at the moment. Teachers normally organise the use of the kitchen.

Year 6 would like to have monitors on the gates in the morning to help people with buggies. A double buggy can't get through very easily. This was discussed and it was decided that it was a good idea.

ACTION – Year 6 will speak to Mrs Clarke to arrange this as a Year 6 responsibility or if not a Year 5.

Year 6 also suggested that a fence along the top of the playground would be a good idea to stop balls rolling down the bank. This was discussed. Mrs Oomen asked how high it would need to be and if it could also be combined with a sitting area. Mrs Willing suggested that it could be included in the Grounds Development. She is having a meeting with the people who maintain our Grounds and she will mention it. It was also pointed out that the fence around the school is falling down in places.

A survey of the playground markings has taken place. The children were asked to choose their favourite from a selection chosen by Joe and Rizwan. Mrs Oomen asked if the children had seen pictures of them. They said that they had. She asked if anyone had asked for anything not on the survey. No one had.

ACTION – Mrs Oomen will feed back to the School council after the next Grounds meeting.

The swimming pool fence was discussed as play equipment goes over the top regularly. Mrs Oomen suggested having a monitor who could go in and collect things.

Having badges for School Council members was discussed. It was suggested having badges just for meetings as last year people stopped wearing their badges within a couple of weeks. Maybe we could buy badges that need to be sewn on. Also we could have a picture board of all council members in the entrance hall.

ACTION – Mrs Cain will look into price for sewn on badges.

Mrs Horner will arrange for pictures of school council members to be taken.

Meeting ended at 3.20pm.