

School Council Meeting Minutes - 5th February 2010

1. Welcome to everyone.

Mrs Willing welcomed everyone to the meeting especially Mrs Davies as a Governor and Mrs Oomen from the PTA. She also thanked Mrs Cain for taking the minutes. She then handed over to Joe.

2. Matters arising from the last minutes

Joe explained that he had spoken to Mrs Clarke regarding the use of the ICT Suite at playtimes. It was decided that only years 3/4/5 and 6 would be able to use it and this would be between 12-12.30pm. It was suggested that each class should have a set day. Mrs Clarke is happy to supervise this. A further discussion took place regarding what would happen if someone wanted to use the suite but was on the wrong sitting. It was decided that they would have to negotiate a change of sitting with their class teacher.

Joe reported that most classes had supplied Mrs Procter with a list of their views and opinions of what they would like in their new Headteacher. Mrs Davies confirmed that it had been included in the pack.

Two car mats have been given to Mrs Bellamy's class and Mrs Bellotti's class. A letter has gone out requesting old cars. There is a box in the entrance hall and one in the library on the top landing for these to be collected in.

Mrs Willing informed everyone that she has spoken to Mrs Bellamy and Mrs Bellotti about using their toilets at playtimes. Both are fine for this to happen.

Joe and Rizwan have spoken to year 6 about supervising the hedge. They have decided not to do this. Teachers should tell the children not to go behind it. Signs should be made.

ACTION - Mrs Cain to make a sign asking children not to play behind the hedge.

Year 6 have decided that they do not want to be the 'buggie monitors' at the school gate in the morning. Year 5 was happy to do this.

ACTION - Lucas to organise.

Mrs Horner is going to take photos of the School Council members and put them on the School Council notice board.

ACTION - Mrs Horner to take photos of members.

We are still looking into sew on badges for School council.

ACTION - Mrs Cain to chase this up.

Mr Roberts a Governor joined the meeting and Mrs Willing welcomed him.

3. Playground markings

Mrs Oomen reported back regarding the playground markings. She has received the surveys done by the classes. The markings could be done in the next 3/4 weeks depending on the weather. Mrs Willing confirmed that the playground markings are a priority. Joe has a list of the most popular markings. Mrs Oomen will meet to discuss costings. Mrs Oomen asked if there were any markings that the children would like to keep. Reception would like the number squares, the alphabet and the track repainted. Mrs Oomen said this wouldn't be a problem and asked if they would like the number squares filled in with a colour. Everyone thought this would be a good idea. Mrs Bellotti then asked if a request could be made for a proper 4 and 9.

ACTION - Mrs Oomen to meet with Mrs Willing and then will arrange for the marking to be done.

4. Grounds Development

Mrs Willing explained that there is a group of people looking into improving the grounds at MPS. Mrs Oomen is also part of this group. There is money to spend on this at the moment. The suggested improvements are as follows:-

- Ball Wall - to hit balls against
- Target games - possibly go on the wall under the clock
- Quieter activities - to go by Mrs Alden's classroom. The border would be replaced by tarmac.
- Bike racks - to be attached to a wall
- Outdoor Classroom - would be sited on the field by the edge of the woods. It would have a quiet area beside it with flowers and seating. There would also be a path leading from the school around the field to it. This would also help with disabled access to the field. The outside classroom could be used for lessons, reading, having lunch and the band could use it at the summer fair.
- Wildlife area - this would be outside Mrs Clarke's classroom on the bank. Shrubs that attract wildlife would be planted there.
- Near the conservation area - with raised beds for vegetables to be used by the children.

The committee are looking into all these things. Mrs Willing asked if all council members could discuss with their classes what they would like and report back at the next meeting.

ACTION - Class council members to ask their class what they would like.

5. Year R - When will the adventure playground be fixed?

Reception wanted to know when the infant adventure playground would be fixed. Mrs Willing said that we are waiting for the builders to come back and repair it. She also said that the repairs to the junior adventure playground were done very badly and Mr Ford is meeting with the people who made the repairs.

6. Year 1 - We would like a slide

Year 1 would like a slide on the bottom adventure playground. Mrs Willing thought this was a nice idea and would see if it could be done with the repairs.

ACTION - Mrs Willing to look into slide for infant adventure playground.

7. Year 2 - We are worried about lunchtimes.

Year 2 are worried about lunchtimes as they don't always eat straight away. Mrs Willing thought it was a school rule that the younger children were served first. Joe then said that the children on second shift have to wait a long time in a queue waiting to go into the hall. Mrs Willing said she would go into lunch on Monday and see what happens.

ACTION - Mrs Willing to watch lunchtime on Monday.

8. Year 3 - When are the playground markings happening?

This had already been dealt with in item 3.

9. Year 4 - We would like a disco in the Spring Term.

Year 4 would like a disco in the Spring Term. A vote was taken and it was decided that this was a good idea. Mrs Oomen asked who would organise it, the PTA, the School or Year 4. Everyone thought it would be nice if the PTA organised it.

ACTION - Mrs Oomen to arrange for the PTA to organise.

10. Year 5 - Can we have a collection to buy Mr Ford a present?

Year 5 thought it would be nice for the children to have a collection to buy Mr Ford a leaving present. Mrs Willing thought it was a lovely idea and explained that there would be a leaving party near the end of term when lots of people who have worked with Mr Ford would be invited. Mrs Oomen thought it would be nice if the children made Mr Ford something. Lucas thought a 3D model of a camper van would be good. Mrs Willing asked who would like to coordinate this. Year 5 volunteered.

ACTION - Year 5 to organise a collection for Mr Ford.

11. Year 6 - Can we have a Maths Day?

Year 6 would like to have a Maths day with lots of fun activities. Mrs Willing has spoken to Mrs Alden and she is happy to work with Year 6 to arrange this. A vote was taken and it was agreed that this would be a good idea.

ACTION - Year 6 to speak to Mrs Alden to arrange this.

12. AOB

Molly asked if there were anymore bouncy hoppers. Joe and Rizwan said that there is new equipment but it isn't out yet but there are more hoppers.

When will the benches be returned? Mrs Willing said that they are now repaired and she would arrange for them to be put back out.

ACTION - Mrs Willing to arrange for the benches to be returned.

Lucas asked how often does Charlie go on the roof as there are a lot of balls on it. Mrs Willing suggested that Joe and Rizwan speak to Charlie about this.

ACTION - Joe and Rizwan to speak to Charlie about the balls on the roof

Mrs Oomen asked if there were any other additions the children would like made to the playgrounds. The PTA thought a 'Traverse wall' would be fun. Mrs Willing suggested that Mrs Oomen and she could talk about this and the children could ask at their class council meetings if anyone would like this.

ACTION - Mrs Willing to speak to Mrs Oomen about a 'Traverse Wall'.

Class council members to ask at the class council meetings if anyone would like a 'Traverse Wall'

Rizwan thought a slide on the junior playground would be good.

Mrs Willing asked for volunteers to accompany Mrs Parry on a Health and Safety walk around school. Molly Darcey, Eleni Georgiou and Mai Cook were chosen to do this.

Mrs Davies gave the children an update about looking for a new Headteacher. She said that an advert had gone on a website and in a newspaper. A very nice pack was put together including what the children would like in their new Headteacher. A group of Governors would meet in a couple of weeks to look at the applications and choose 2/3 to come into school. Then 1 would be chosen as the new Headteacher. We should know by the end of March who this will be.

Mrs Willing then thanked everyone for coming.

Date of the next meeting - Friday 26th March 2010.

