

School Council Meeting Minutes



Date: 25.01.2022

Attendance: Barney, Millie, Orrin, Kaira, Laurie, Bella and Zara

Read through last meeting's minutes and agreed them.

Actions from last time:

Finish choosing rights as a class and bring suggestions to school council meeting - DONE

Talk to class and teacher to make sure everyone knows how to keep safe and what to do if they don't feel safe or they feel sad. Make a worries box – NOT ALL COMPLETED YET

Mrs Bailey to add to the Christmas letter about Christmas jumpers on Christmas dinner day and bring in £1 donation for Save the Children charity - DONE

Kaira to make a comments box for the Picture News display. Laurie to organise slips of paper and a pencil to put in a plastic wallet by the display for people to put their ideas on - DONE

What we discussed/or did this time:

Safeguarding – all classes are completing 'How do we keep YOU safe' class discussions.

We discussed our assembly on Friday 21st January where the whole school looked at children's rights and made a shortlist of the rights we want as a whole school to focus on. Today the school council fine-tuned and decided on the school rights. They chose: A12 – Right to a Voice, A15 right to choose friends and join clubs, A28 Right to Learn, A29 – Right to be the best you can be and A31 Right to relax and play.

School council decided to share these through a school display – Whole School Charter in the hall.

All rights to be displayed on the board. All children to sign up to the chart by a handprint and signing their name the palm. All year groups to have a designated colour – Y6 – Red, Y5 Orange, Y4 -Yellow, Y3 – Green, Y2 – blue, Y1 – Indigo/Purple, Reception – Violet/Pink. All classes to choose how to present their handprints, but must be in the correct colour.

Rights in clouds on the display. Flowers for teachers/staff not in class.

School council to help put the board together.

Attendance trophy – children brought up not wanting to use the attendance trophy at the moment because they felt it was unfair if people needed to isolate due to COVID-19. They said awards should be about what you can choose to do and you can't decide to be ill and miss school. It's not their fault. School council will tell the school in Friday's assembly that we will stop using the attendance cup for the moment. Bella and Zara to prepare to speak in assembly.

School council handbooks given out. Older councillors to support younger councillors. Decide what area you would like to focus on as a councillor – Eco, Health and Safety, Fundraising etc.

School council said that some of their friends have said to them that they get a bit bored in after school club. They would like to be involved in deciding on the activities and maybe cook or prepare the snack. They would like to go outside and play if the weather is nice and play games with the adults. School council to ask children what they would like to do at playtime.

School council reported that football goals are broken and would like new ones.

We discussed the idea of Reading Leaders to read to and listen to other's read at lunchtime. We discussed this could be on a rota. We always discussed having a lunchtime book club run by the Reading Leaders. School councillors to talk about with their classes. Teachers to put children forward for the role.

Actions to follow up:

By who?

All to make a 'worries box' for their class

All

Decide how to make the handprints for the rights display

All

Help put the rights display together

All, Mrs Bailey, Miss King

Tell the school that we are stopping the attendance trophy

Bella and Zara

All to read their new School Council handbook and decide on roles

All

Talk to friends who go to after school club about suggestions for after school club

All

School Council to look through handbook and decide what area they would like to focus on – eco, health and safety, fundraising.

All

Look into getting new football goals

Mrs Bailey

Share ideas with class about Reading Leaders and Children's Book Club

All

Bella, Kaira and Zara to meet with Mrs Bailey to organise starting up book club.

What is the purpose of these actions?

To have a place to go to share worries for all

To ensure we have a school charter on our rights

To make it fair for all – not having the attendance trophy.

To know more about our roles as councillors

So we have a safe place to play football and have our right to relax and play

To help learning for reading in our school and to enjoy books.

Next meeting: 9th March 2022

