

MINUTES OF SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING – 11/01/10

Period 4

Room 4

- 1. Money for Charities:** Mrs. Thatcher informed the council that the money for Banardo's and Wish upon a Star has now successfully been sent off.
- 2. School Scarf Feedback:** It seemed that the questionnaire about scarves did not go exactly to plan and it seemed to be down to some council members and a mix up between whether form tutors were supposed to carry out the survey or the council members were. Mrs. Thatcher reminded the council that if they are asked to do something then they need to get it done otherwise the council will not work. However, an 'on the spot' collection of the survey was done and the results were as follows – Y7=82, Y8=12, Y9=30, Y10=10, Y11=6, Y12=49
Mrs. Thatcher reminded the council that the reason for the ideas was because the challenge award fund had lost a sponsor and with it £1000 and so the Parents' Association was attempting to develop new ways to raise this £1000. In a recent Parents' Association meeting they discussed other ideas too.

There were a few other suggestions from the council. It was suggested that we could have school hoodies instead of scarves as these might sell better, but the issue of the school's appearance being jeopardised was mentioned. The idea of V-neck jumpers, which are already part of the school uniform, carrying the school logo was also suggested along with Talent Shows to raise money. However, Mrs. Thatcher said that often talent shows were left for people such as Young Enterprise. She has agreed to put these ideas to the Parents' Association and find their views.

- 3. Refreshing of School Council:** There appeared to be some confusion as to when new representatives for the school council should have been elected. What should have happened is that currently, the representatives should be the same as last year and get refreshed in December. However, it appeared that most forms had already re-elected their representative in September. This led on to the idea of a system of how the council can be refreshed in future. The idea of staggering elections was suggested so that there was never a brand new council with no one that knew the procedure. However, the final idea was that, at the moment, the system should remain as it is.
- 4. Leading of Meetings:** The discussion of refreshing the school council led onto the idea of the leadership of the school council. It was suggested that Head Boy and Girl might lead the meetings, but they have other responsibilities within the school which are time consuming. Another idea was to have the deputies leading the meeting, but this would mean three new members of the council, who didn't know what they were doing and an even bigger sixth form representation. It was asked, of the lower school whether they would mind having the older members of the council leading the meeting. Head Boy said that, personally, he would be happy to chair the meetings and it was suggested that Head Boy and Girl and the Deputy who is already

on the council should chair the meetings. This was voted on and the motion carried. So from next meeting, Head Boy (Chris Sweeney), Head Girl (Helen Craggs) and Deputy Head Boy (Ross Buckingham) will run the meeting. However, there will be delegation of roles within the council and if jobs need doing then these will be distributed throughout the year groups, to ensure an even distribution of the council workload and responsibility.

- 5. A.O.B.:** Mrs. Thatcher said that the minutes can be published on the website for everyone to read. Council members will still receive their usual copies in their register.

A preliminary agenda was decided for the next meeting consisting of discussion of the School Council Board and ideas for fundraising.

Council members are reminded to prepare for the next meeting by collecting ideas from their form about fundraising ideas; this is to ensure a fluent and worthwhile discussion in the next meeting.

Any other agenda item suggestions should be delivered to Chris Sweeney, Helen Craggs or Ross Buckingham.