

School Council meeting – Thursday June 11th

Present:- Hannah Leonard, Rachel Wainwright, Shannon James, Zoe Pemberton, Amy Newman, Abby Sterry, Amy Saunders, Cameron Andrews, Beth Johnson, Sarah Conroy, Jamie King, Danni Baker.

School Council 09/10

Miss Turner discussed school council for next year. Explained that there would be no elections and that there are application forms available for interested pupils, who will then have a short interview so ascertain their suitability. Pupils generally agreed that this was better than elections as they felt elections were a form of popularity contest rather than a genuine interest in the council.

Prefects

Pupils discussed ways school could develop the role of the Prefect. It was generally felt that no one knew who Prefects were or what they did. Suggestions were – gate duty, playground duty, buddying/mentoring, prefect assemblies for each key stage. Pupils asked if it was possible to have prefect ties rather than badges as they felt they were easier to identify. Pupils asked if a board could be used in the social area to place prefect photographs. Miss Turner explained there were not enough boards but speak with some one about freeing one up. It was felt that boards in the main admin corridor are not much use as pupils are not allowed through at break and lunch and do not have time to look at them on the way to lessons.

Uniform

Pupils asked if it was possible to have polo shirts as an optional part of summer uniform as blazers are too hot, especially in assembly. It was suggested that a questionnaire could be sent home for parents and pupils to vote on this or the School council are happy to organise a vote in key stage assembly. Pupils also asked if it was necessary to wear blazers at break and lunch in the hot weather. Some teachers are saying one thing and others are saying something else. Also pupils have been told they HAVE to wear black socks and felt this was unfair. Miss Turner said she would clarify with Mr Sheppard on both blazers and socks. .

End of key stage

Pupils asked if it was possible to have a party/disco for end of key stage 3 as key stage 4 have their prom. Miss Turner said she would put this to the head of key stage 3.

Assembly

Pupils asked if it was necessary to have so many assemblies. They felt that one whole school and one key stage assembly a week is sufficient. Miss Turner expressed the importance of assemblies and advised that it is unlikely.

Staff Dress

Some pupils felt that staff dress code was sometimes not appropriate.

Canteen

Pupils agreed that the food in the canteen is much better but were pleased about the prices going up.

Peer support.

Jo Williams spoke with the group about peer support and explained it will be having a re-vamp in September. Posters will be around school asking for people to volunteer. .

End of meeting.