

Minutes for school council meeting 02-03-09

Members present: Victoria Sachser, Daniel Cook, Oliver Grove, Carly Morris, Q Gilbert, Gabrielle Johnson, Millie Macdonald, Zoe Pemberton, Andrew Smith, Matthew Payne, Emily Pritchard-Smith, Katie Evans, Amy Saunders, Cameron Andrews, Beth Johnson, Alan James, Katie Rhys-Davies, Shannon James, Charlotte Smith and Stephanie Johnson.

Chair: Dean Davies

Minutes: Steph Johnson

*The students discussed the recent meeting of the Eco schools group, which had drawn up an action plan to gain a bronze award. Points discussed were:

- **Litter**, could there be an organised litter pick during c4 detentions?
- **Recycling**, boxes are needed in each classroom to recycle paper, could plastic boxes be brought?
- **Conservation of energy**, posters made for each classroom reminding people to turn off lights and computers when the room isn't in use. Teachers will be encouraged by students to do this in a staff briefing.
- **Places to sit at break/lunchtimes**, there's a lack of places for students to sit at break times, especially when it is wet.

*School trips:

- **Swansea university trip (year 11)**, only certain students are allowed to go on the trip whereas in previous years it has been open to all. Those who are consistently good should be rewarded.
- **French trip (year 9)**, haven't been able to go in previous years due to staff shortages, last chance to go now as they will no longer be studying French and want to put their work to use.
- **School council trip**, need to gain funds. Possibility of going to taste for adventure? Jo Williams is looking into possibly getting some money from Extended Schools.

***Prom fundraiser**

- ideas "stolen" for comic relief
- are the proceeds for pyjama day being split equally between prom and comic relief, or are only the year eleven proceeds being donated to prom and the rest to comic relief, this was originally a fundraiser for year 11 prom.

***Prefects/toilets**

- no soap as it is used for vandalism, Jo Williams will look into the possibility of getting a free trial of anti-bacterial hand wash

- prefects have nothing to do, could they monitor the toilets at break and lunchtimes to stop vandalism?

*Curriculum and learning group

- ready for training

- need younger students to join as they are all currently year eleven students who won't be able to carry on when they've left at the end of the year. MT to recruit some more year 7/8 to be placed on the Curriculum sub committee.

*Gym mats are being shared by both the gymnasts and cheerleaders, not enough for both so cheerleaders are often practicing lifts without safety mats and falling onto the floor. Could the PE department buy more?

*Are year eleven students having study leave? If not, why?

***Teacher dress code**

- Pupils felt that staff should have a strict dress code, as the pupils do; to dress appropriate for the job.

End of meeting – Next Meeting Friday 24th April 2009