

## School Council Minutes Wednesday 17 January 2018

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### **Present:**

Mrs Evenden and Mrs Furniss

Yr 1 ~ Diamond, Moonstone, Sapphire

Yr 2 ~ Aquamarine, Tanzanite

Yr 3 ~ Amber, Coral, Jade

Yr 4 ~ Emerald, Onyx, Ruby

Yr 5 ~ Amethyst, Sunstone,

Yr 6 ~ Quartz, Peridot

### **Absent**

Yr 2 - Turquoise

Yr 5 ~ Topaz

Yr 6 ~ Zultanite

### **Outstanding Actions:**

### **Clubs:**

At the last council meeting the possibility of a school cookery club was raised. The council discussed other non-sporting clubs that they would like to see available at school where possible and a list of ideas was submitted. Mr Mazza agreed to take these suggestions to staff.

**Action: Mr Mazza was off sick and will report back to the council at the next meeting**

### **Matters Arising**

#### **Repair of KS2 Climbing Apparatus**

The council asked when the climbing apparatus in the KS2 playground will be ready to use again.

*Mr Lacey kindly responded saying that unfortunately the plan for the climbing apparatus is for it to be removed as it would cost too much to repair. The good news is that the school has received an extra PE grant and the school is looking at ways that this may be spent to provide new outdoor equipment.*

#### **School Lunchtime "Experience"**

At the last meeting the council discussed issues with school lunches and briefly touched on the whole dining experience with many complaining that it was too noisy in the hall and too much food was dropped on the floor. Mr Mazza asked the reps to gather ideas from their classes on how we could make eating in the halls more pleasurable. The ideas raised were:

- have calming music playing whilst eating;
- watch a film whilst eating;
- have a dustpan and brush available for children to use to clean up any spilt food;
- have bins at the end of the tables;
- eat outside when the weather allows;
- introduce table monitors;
- have more space between the tables and benches so children can move around more easily;
- have a traffic light system for noise levels;
- re-introduce putting your hand up to leave the table so that MDS can see if you need to tidy your seating area before going out to the playground.

These ideas were discussed:

- all agreed that music playing would be a good idea to keep the noise levels down.
- all agreed that it wouldn't be a good idea to watch a film as children would eat their dinner more slowly and that this really wasn't good manners!;
- **Action for Mrs Dutch:** please could you ask the MDS how feasible it would be to have the children put their hands up to leave the table? The council felt this would make children less likely to make such a mess with their food and be responsible for clearing their tables.
- **Action for Mrs Evenden:** with this term's value being respect, the council thought it would be good to have an assembly regarding how to be respectful at lunchtime ~ talking quietly, staying tidy, good table manners, etc

### **Any Other Business**

#### **Drinks at Lunchtime**

Year 4 asked if they were able to have squash with their school lunches as children with packed lunches have cartons of squash.

**Action:** *Mr Mazza to report back to the council at the next meeting.*

#### **Toilets in Orchard Building**

Year 4 girls have complained that there is a door missing on one of the cubicles in the toilets opposite Emerald Class.

Year 6 boys mentioned that there is a lock missing from the boys toilets in the cloakroom.

**Action:** *Grateful if Mr Lacey could look into this.*

### **Next Meeting**

The next school council meeting will take place on Wednesday 31st January at 2.45pm in The Study.

*Mrs Furniss  
School Council Secretary*