

## School Council Minutes Wednesday 18 April 2018

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### **Present:**

Mr Mazza, Mrs Makey and Mrs Furniss  
Yr 1 ~ Diamond, Moonstone, Sapphire  
Yr 2 ~ Turquoise, Tanzanite  
Yr 3 ~ Jade, Coral, Amber

Yr 5 ~ Amethyst, Sunstone, Topaz  
Yr 6 ~ Quartz, Peridot, Zultanite

### **Absent**

Yr 2 - Aquamarine (swimming)

Yr 4 ~ All at Sayers Croft

### **Matters Arising**

Mr Mazza was delighted to welcome Alex and Heather from Contract Dining Company who were invited by the council to attend our meeting to discuss school lunches.

To begin with, Alex explained to the council that she had to work to strict guidelines when planning our school lunches. For example, they weren't allowed to add any salt to the menu, there were set portions of protein (meat and fish) for KS1/KS2 and they were only allowed to serve two fried products per week. Then the following issues were discussed:

#### **Could we have more themed lunch days?**

Alex explained that they were only allowed to go "off menu" once a month and each month the themed menus were sent to the schools for them to sign up to. Coming up will be themed lunches for the Royal Wedding and the World Cup. Schools are welcome to approach CDC with particular themes (which we did for Multi Cultural Week).

***Action: The council agreed that they would like to be involved in deciding on the Themed Lunches in the future.***

#### **Can students be more involved in the menus?**

Alex explained that Term 6's menus have already been agreed but she is very happy to send September's menu to the council for tweaking if necessary.

#### **Could we have Open Days for families to come in and try the school lunches?**

This has already been arranged and a taster session is coming up soon ~ more to follow in future newsletters.

#### **Portion Sizes**

As mentioned above, CDC can only provide a set amount of meat or fish per child, however, there are no restrictions to the amount of vegetables/salad/carbs that you can eat, so if you are hungry you are welcome to ask for more.

#### **Could we have a Salad Bar?**

We discussed if we could have separate bowls for salad - but not single use plastic bowls. Alex will look into this. Mr Mazza and Mrs Makey explained that they had just visited a school where there was a stunning salad bar. CDC would be happy to provide salads for a salad bar but they have a limited serving area. Could the school purchase a salad cart?

***Action: the council to discuss ways of raising money to buy a salad car for each dining hall***

**Could we have lids on the fruit pots as they sometimes dry out?**

Alex suggested trialling fruit platters rather than having fruit pots as we want to try and reduce our use of plastic.

**Could we have more jacket potatoes as a choice as sometimes they run out?**

Alex said she could increase the number of jacket potatoes served on a single day but we needed to be careful that children weren't having these every day of the week.

**Sometimes the food isn't hot!**

There is a problem with one of the hot plates in KS2 but this is being looked at and costed.

**On Fridays, could we have other options with chips rather than just fish?**

Alex thought that sausage and chips could be another option.

**Could we have better puddings?**

Alex noted the suggestions given by the council and confirmed that from now on there will be a pudding served every day with the option of fruit/yogurts still available.

**Sometimes we're not given the choice between the main dish or the vegetarian option, or having/not having gravy or a vegetable.**

Alex said that she would speak to the CDC servery staff but did state that you are encouraged to have one vegetable. Mr Mazza reiterated that it was also important for the students to speak clearly and speak up about what you would like or not like on their plates.

At the end of the meeting Alex put forward other options that the school may wish to take up, for example

- take-away Fridays (in July, have your fish and chips in a box to take outside to eat)
- Picnic boxes

and also confirmed that they will have tomato sauce with the burgers as many have said that they were too dry without it.

Mr Mazza and the school council thanked both Alex and Heather for taking the time to attend our council meeting and being so open and receptive to our questions and thoughts.

**Next meeting**

The next meeting will be on Weds 2nd May at 2.45pm in The Study.

*Mrs Furniss  
School Council Secretary*