

**Bishop Rawstorne Academy
Student Council
Meeting held on the 12th December 2017
In the Library**



Present:
See attached attendance list

1. Apologies for Absence

There were no apologies received.

2. Matters arising

Water Fountains

A request was made at the last meeting for a water fountain in the English block. Mrs Thompson thought that it had been looked at but there was nowhere for it to go, she will enquire. It was reported that the fountain in the sports hall was out of order. Mrs Thompson reported that it is working but someone keeps turning it off. The site supervisor will check each day.

3. Student Council Constitution

There was discussion about creating our own constitution and a working group was set up including;

Adam Gregson
Lauren Dobson
Jane Mulholland
Ella Falkingham

The purpose and organisation of the student council and roles to be played by everyone in the school are being written up by the team. The aim being to focus on open communication and development of good relations between the students, staff and governors. Creating a supportive and collaborative community. Mrs Thompson will liaise with Mr Duckworth regarding links to the Senior Leadership Team and the Governors, she will also agree regular times for Mr Duckworth to join the committee over the coming year.

Action

4. Croston Park Rest Home

The school has had a long standing connection to the home. It has created an enjoyable relationship between the students and residents and this committee wish to build on this. The team are looking at ideas for future ways to involve the residents as part of our community.

Recently the Committee have made Christmas cards for all the residents and a box of gifts will be delivered with the cards next week by Elliot Garstang, Jessica Wignall and Mrs Thompson.

Jenna Stout will liaise with Mr Davies regarding a visit to the home to perform music for the residents.

Ella Falkingham, Jessica Wignall and Lydia Marchbank will liaise with English regarding poetry for the residents.

5. Surgeries and Questionnaires

The group discussed various ways to identify what students want for the school and it was agreed that a survey group would be created including:

Jenna Stout
Lauren Dobson
Sam Horrocks
Cameron Evens

The group will concentrate on ways to get feedback from the student body by things like holding surgeries, questionnaires etc. Members will be out and about doing surveys to find out what the students want to improve our everyday lives in school. It was agreed that surgeries would be held in the New Year to allow students to speak to their council representatives and raise any issues or make suggestions. The first meeting of the group will be held on 20th December in M22. Mrs Thompson will book the room.

Mrs
T/EF/JW
/LM

JS/LD/S
H/CE/Mr
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Outdoor seating/outdoor classroom

There was discussion by the group regarding the need for more seating outside. It was suggested that the grassed area opposite the orangery could be developed as a covered seating area/ outdoor classroom. Mrs Thompson said she would look into whether there are future plans for the area and if not would ask Mr Duckworth to take it to SLT. She said it was doubtful that there was any money available in the school budget but the council felt this would be the kind of project may be a project that students may want to fund raise for.

6. Any Other Business

Publicity Group

It is felt important to keep everyone informed about the activities of the Student Council and provide a means for the school to communicate its ideas. This group is investigating ways to inform and get people involved.

Mrs Thompson will liaise with Mr Duckworth regarding information PowerPoints for each year group to be played in tutor groups and on the TV screen identifying the representatives and their purpose.

Notice Board Group

There is a need for constant updates on our notice board, this group will ensure that everyone is aware of our activities. The Council now have a larger and in a much more visible position next to M6.

Chorley Youth Zone

Chorley Youth Zone, named by young people as 'Inspire', will be a purpose-built facility for the borough's young people aged 8 – 19, and up to 25 for those with disabilities. The Student Council was recently visited by a representative from Chorley Youth Zone who explained about this fantastic new facilities and asked if anyone would be interested in joining the planning team made up of young people from the area. We have three students who would like to put their names forward and we wish them success in their application. Mrs. Thompson will enquire about applications and get back to them.

Mrs T

Guest Speaker

Sam Horrocks would like to invite his Auntie to come in to talk about the work she does with young people. He will get contact details and more information and pass them to Mrs. Thompson.

7. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Student Council to take place on 16th December 2018 in the Library, the time will be circulated in the new year.

SH/MrsT