

**Bishop Rawstorne Academy
Student Council
Meeting held on the 16th January 2018
At 2.15pm in the Library**



Present:

See attached attendance list

1. Apologies for Absence

Apology received from Emma Fulton.

2. Matters arising

i) Water Fountains

Mrs Thompson reported that the minutes of 6th March 2014 states that the English block had no suitable site to install a water fountain.

ii) Chorley Youth Zone

Mrs. Thompson had spoken to Wayne Carter from Chorley Youth Zone again regarding our three candidates for the Inspire Planning Group: Michael Anglim, Anna Spencer and Amelie Bartholomew, he will send out application forms as soon as possible. He said that the group would meet every Thursday evening and details will be forwarded. The next task of the group is to meet with a design company to decide on the internal look of the Centre. This will be a very exciting part of the project so we need to get on board as soon as possible.

Mrs. Thompson said it would be interesting for the Council to get regular feedback from the representatives, we can then follow their progress.

iii) Guest Speaker

Sam Horrocks has past information to Mrs. Thompson to contact the organization his Auntie works for to see if a visit would be beneficial to the school.

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3. Student Council Constitution

Adam Gregson addressed the Council saying that the Group had met to discuss the new constitution and had prepared a first draft. Mrs Thompson thanked them for their good work so far. Discussion ensued on what the constitution should be, what else to include etc. Mrs Thompson would attend the next meeting to finalise the draft before circulating to the whole Council.

As Senior Leadership Liaison, Mr Duckworth will facilitate communication with SLT and the Governors. However members of the SLT and Governing body can be invited to address the Council at any time.

4. Croston Park Rest Home

Elliot Garstang told the meeting that he along with Mrs. Thompson, and Jessica Wignall visited Croston Park, to deliver Christmas cards. It was a very pleasant occasion as they met a number of the residents for a chat, who were delighted to receive the cards and the visit. Thanks you to everyone who made cards.

The Council also organised for the local bakery to deliver mince pies for the staff and residents to have with their afternoon tea as a little Christmas treat.

Mrs Loveday joined the meeting and offered to run after school bakery sessions so that the Student Council could make their own cakes to take to Croston Park. Most of the Council volunteered to bake which was very pleasing. It was agreed that we would provide cakes for the Easter celebrations and arrange a time for the Council to join the residence for afternoon tea. Mrs. Thompson and Mrs. Loveday would liaise regarding dates and get back to members. The Council thanked Mrs Loveday for her support.

Jenna Stout had discussed a visit to the home to perform music for the residents with Mr Davies. A visit from the GCSE music students would be arranged in the Spring.

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Ella Falkingham, Jessica Wignall and Lydia Marchbank had spoken with their English teachers about poetry for the home and will look towards something around Easter time.

5. **Surgeries and Questionnaires**

The group had met and it was agreed to hold the surgeries on 5th and 6th February for years 7 and 8 and 7th and 8th February for years 9 and 10. Sessions would be held in the hall between 1.20pm and 1.50pm

Amelie Bartholomew, Lauren Dobson, Sam Horrocks and Cameron Evans agreed to collate photos of their respective year group representatives and create a PowerPoint slide giving names and tutor group. Jenna Stout will put them together with a slide advertising the surgeries and forward to Mr Duckworth who will organise this to be displayed on the TVs around school in the weeks running up to the surgeries.

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6. **Outdoor Seating/Outdoor Classroom**

Mr. Duckworth came to the meeting to feedback regarding the use of the grass area adjacent to the canteen. Having discussed it at the SLT meeting this morning it was revealed that there are plans to build on the land in the future the idea being a multipurpose class room, this could be six years or more. However Mr Cowley had no objections to the Student Council considering its use in the interim. He said that there was a budget of £4,000 which had been raised by the Council. Various ideas were discussed, the idea of a covered seating area would be costly but fund raising could be done to pay for it. Mrs Thompson will look into costs and report back at the next meeting.

Mrs.T

7. Any Other Business

i) Community Links

Discussion took place regarding initiatives for community links and the following people volunteered to meet to discuss ideas. Isobelle Mould

Will Hunter

Amelie Bartholomew

Ella Falkingham

Michael Anglim

Isobelle will organise the meetings.

Group

ii) Main Block Toilets

It was reported that the toilets in the main block are not in good condition, a request was made for this to be looked at. Things like no locks on the doors issue with the window in the girls' toilet and the general condition were reported

Mrs Thompson will speak to Mrs Hood and report back.

Mrs T

iii) Chip Cones

A request was made for chip cones to be introduced in the canteen, enquiries will be made.

iv) Communication Via the School System

Possibilities of using the school system to allow students to contact the Council were discussed. Mrs Thompson would discuss this with Mr Cowel.

8. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Student Council to take place on 28th February 2018 in the Library, the time will be circulated in the new year.

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