

**Bishop Rawstorne Academy  
Student Council  
Meeting held on the 18th April 2018  
At 1.55pm in the Library**



**Present:**

See attached attendance list

**1. Apologies for Absence**

Apology received from, Nathan Ball, Lauren Dobson, Isobelle Mould, Anya Woods and Emma Fulton.

**2. Matters arising**

**i) Student Council Constitution**

The new constitution has now been approved and added to the website.

**ii) Community Links**

Proposal prepared (copy attached) and submitted to Mrs Anglim, who agrees this is a good idea. A meeting will be held with Mrs Anglim to discuss the matter.

**iii) Croston Park Rest Home**

Mrs. Thompson thanked all those who came to bake the cakes and Mrs. Loveday for her support, it was an enjoyable activity. She also expressed her pride in the council members for their visit to the home they were very sociable and entertained the residents with their chatter. The events manager has emailed to say thank you for the time spent with the residents, who all enjoyed the visit, and commented on how polite the students were.

**iv) Bus Monitors**

Mr Duckworth has confirmed that there are no longer any bus monitors.

**iv) Water Fountain in the Sports Hall Area**

This has been discussed with the site manager who said, "We always have an issue with people turning it off. There are two shut off levers, one in the Boys' toilets and the other under the unit. It is working ok at the moment."

**Action**

Mrs.T

### **3. Outdoor Seating/Outdoor Classroom**

Quotes have been received for this project: works of £1,060.00 from Fairmax for wood chip area partially shaded by trees and parasols; Seating £2,108.00 from Marmax for five picnic benches with parasols and bases.

Total cost £3,168.00

Budget £4,648.32

The contractors have also been asked to quote for the cost of a rubber matting type covering which is much easier to maintain and provides better drainage.

It was suggested that we use some of the budget to top up the money raised for the work if it falls short. It was agreed subject to the final amount.

### **7. Any Other Business**

#### **i) Discussion Groups.**

The students split into groups to discuss ideas suggested in the surgeries, the outdoor classroom and the Year 6 visits.

The suggested one way system on the top floor of the main block was discussed to ease congestion between lessons. Mrs Thompson will discuss with Mrs Cogley and then ask Mr Duckworth to raise the idea with SLT.

Sports activities were discussed and Mrs Thompson will ask Mr Smart if he would meet with the group to discuss ideas put forward by the student body.

Consideration was given to how we can raise money to pay for the work on the outdoor classroom.

Mrs Thompson will arrange a meeting with Mrs Anglim to discuss the year 6 visits, the students will consider what message they wanted to get over to the year 6 pupils about the transition to high school. They have started a draft booklet with reassuring advice.

### **8. Date of Next Meeting**

The next meeting of the Student Council to take place on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> May, period 4 in the Library.

Mrs.T/  
Groups

Mrs. T

### **Community Links Proposal**

The Community Links Group, made up of members from The Student Council, have come up with an idea to link Bishop Rawstorne further with its surrounding community.

Our idea is to create a presentation for Year 6's for various primary schools in the area to make the process of secondary school seem a lot less daunting than they initially thought think. We think that we should address thoughts about getting lost around the school, how to make friends and many other worries they may have. A few of our current Year 7's could come with us and discuss their transition from Primary school to Secondary school and maybe take a few of their books to show what work the children will be doing.

We want to achieve a stronger, wider community link through this action and also want to help make the process of moving to secondary school a less of a worry and more of an exciting time of their lives.

Having spoken with Mr Duckworth, we thought it would be good to visit Primary schools in the Banks and Mawdesley areas to widen our community links as we felt that the school is already in great contact with schools in the Eccleston and Croston area.

Thank you for taking the time to read this proposal and I hope that we can make this possible.

From the Community Links Group – Isobelle Mould, Anya Woods, Amelie Bartholomew, Ella Falkingham, and William Hunter.