

Bishop Rawstorne Academy

Student Council

Meeting held on the 23rd January 2014
at 1.30pm in M14.



Chairman: Lewis Walsh
Secretary: Andrew Bithell

The Council thanked Mr Marsden for the use of the room.

Present:

See attached attendance list (Appendix (a))

1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Heather Thompson and Chloe Matthews.

Action

2 Guest Speaker Mrs Hood, Business and Finance Officer

Mrs Hood kindly delivered a talk on her, behind the scenes, role at Bishop Rawstorne which include: the school Accounts, Health and Safety, Grounds, Buildings and General Business and administration. Students were interested to ask a number of questions gaining knowledge of the running of the school.

The Council thanked Mrs Hood for giving up her time to talk to them.

3. Task Group Reports

i) Croston Park Rest Home

The report was delivered by the Group Leader Bethan Pollington and is attached at appendix (b). Mrs Thompson will obtain a list of resident's birthdays in order to send out cards in liaison with the Activity Club. A meeting will be arranged with the manager of the home to plan future activities.

MrsT/BP

ii) Activity Club

The report was presented by the Group Leader Edward Downhill and is attached at appendix (c). A meeting will be arranged with Mrs Hanks to agree further activity days.

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iii) Philippines Appeal

Group Leader Annabel Townsley told the group that they had had two meetings at which a number of ideas were discussed. They are working on plans for fund raising and will report back at the next meeting.

iv) Newsletter

Luke Hurst, the Group Leader, delivered the report; the group have met to discuss the design and contents of the newsletter.

If any members have ideas for the newsletter please forward them to Luke, at present the group are working on a draft newsletter.

Mrs Thompson thanked everyone for their efforts; she was delighted with how the groups were taking on their respective responsibilities and using their combined talents.

After discussion it was agreed that members would make better use of the school e-mail system to relay messages as some members were unaware of the task group meeting. Therefore all Council information regarding meetings etc. would in future be e-mailed (marked for urgent attention), members agreed to check their mail daily.

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5. Any Other Business

i) Ongoing Items

Mrs Thompson reported that; the purchase of basketball hoops had been delayed due to installation and metal work issues, however Mr Williams will be meeting the contractor imminently; water coolers like the one in the orangery will hopefully be installed in the English Block and the Science Block, this was flagged up last year; Beaumont Meal Deal has been delayed however, Miss Romfell will be introducing it soon. Mrs Thompson will make enquiries on these items and report back.

MrsT

ii) Use of TV Screens in School

Ideas for the use of the screens were suggested. This had been raised during the e-safety meeting with Mrs Harrison. The matter would be looked at in liaison with Mrs Harrison.

MrsT/BP

6. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Student Council to take place on Thursday 6th March 2014 at 1.30pm in the conference room.

Croston Park Meeting Report

Christmas and Easter cards-

We spoke to Elliot who is also a member of the art team in young enterprise, and he has asked the team leader who has agreed to take over the role of teaming up with the residents at Croston Park.

English and History-

We decided to send two students from year seven and eight and four students from year nine to go down to Croston Park for a question and answer afternoon. All these students have volunteered from the team and have produced eight questions which I am going to review for the next meeting. I need to speak to Mrs Thompson to see about a date so the students know what lesson they are missing or anything.

Music-

Andrew has spoken to Mr Davies and has agreed to send down some of the band to play for the residents. Mr Davies has asked for a date so that he can ask which band members want to go down to play.

Gardening-

Elizabeth and Sam have both spoken to Mr Tye who has agreed to send down some bulbs in Spring. We have also asked him to put a group of year seven/eights to do this task as we think it's better for the younger students to gain these skills and believe other students than the school council members should be allowed these opportunities. Mr Tye has also asked for a date so he knows when to get them sorted.

Activity Club

Report by Edward Downhill:

At our recent meeting, we decided that Activity club could be a fun time where people could come along and take part in quizzes and bingo .etc. Also, we will create a rota of people that will host and run activity club each week in order that people do not lose every Tuesday lunchtime.