

MINUTES OF PUPIL COUNCIL MEETING

5 March 2019

Minutes: Mrs Cartwright

Present: Reps from 3a, 3b, 3c, 3d, 4a, 4b, 4c, 4d, 5a, 5b, 5c, 5d, 6a, 6b, 6c, 6d, 7b, 7c, 7d

Welcome

Lucy welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Meeting with Director of Education

Lucy and Charlie will attend this meeting on 13.3.19 and will discuss Learning through Play at Carolside. (Charlie will discuss the classroom environment and Lucy will talk about the structure of the day.)

Mr McLachlan reminded reps that Learning through Play involves enquiry, discovery and independent learning with pupils having more choice and ownership of what they learn. Several classes are moving towards this model and reps shared their experiences:

- Classroom layouts have been changed after pupil/teacher discussion. There are less tables and chairs and more beanbags, stools and cushions.
- Wall displays have been changed to natural, peaceful colours which are less overpowering and distracting.
- The structure of the day has changed with pupils having targets to meet throughout the day, allowing more freedom and better time management.

School Improvement Plan

This plan helps to improve the work of the school and the experiences for children. Conversations in Pupil Council meetings help to keep the Head Teacher informed and the annual survey will be coming soon – reps should encourage classmates to complete the survey.

Leadership of learning / choosing contexts for learning is a big part of the current plan. Although this is popular and successful, some pupils have found choosing the Es and Os rather difficult and time consuming. Mr McLachlan explained that this is an important part of the process to ensure that the right skills are taught and that the curriculum is covered – it helps children to understand the curriculum better.

Ideas and Issues from Classes

Bring Your Own Device to School is not ideal for pupils without their own devices. Although school devices can be used, this doesn't work well for homework and showing work to parent/carers at home. Mr McLachlan explained that Google Classroom will be getting used more in the future and paper copies of work can still be issued to pupils.

Date of next meeting Tuesday 19 October 2019, 1.05pm in the Digihub