

MINUTES OF PUPIL COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday 30 April 2019

Minutes: Mrs Cartwright

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

Welcome

Lucy welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Update on Remembering Mr Winters

Further ideas from classes were tying ribbons on a tree and making a memorial in the shape of a lollipop with a photo of Mr Winters in the middle.

Some reps voiced concerns over potential vandalism.

Mr McLachlan had looked at the area at the top of the playground and felt it would be unsuitable ground for tree planting. However P6c is planting trees at the front of the school, beside the Nature Lab, and a plaque with appropriate wording could be attached to one of these trees. Mr Winters' daughter was delighted with this idea and will visit when she is in Glasgow.

School Improvement Plan – Pupil Questionnaire

Mr McLachlan will be working on the School Improvement Plan with three teachers over the next few days and responses from the pupil questionnaire will be taken into consideration. So far there have only been 331 responses but infant classes may be returning one class response each with the help of their teachers. Reps should remind their classes to complete the questionnaire if they have not already done so.

Mr McLachlan showed reps the results so far and explained that expecting perfection is unrealistic - instead, the hope is for little disagreement with the statements. If there is high disagreement, changes may need to be made.

On the whole, the results were very satisfactory with only a few statements receiving more negative responses than desired. Quite a few pupils thought that the school could help more with healthy food choices but the tuck menu has already been changed which should improve the responses to this statement next year. Many pupils disagreed with the statement 'school is fun' but this is not a particular worry because it is a very subjective statement, meaning different things to different people. The statement 'staff help me to understand how I am progressing' received disappointing scores so ways to improve this will be investigated.

Positive responses were given to the statements 'I am given the opportunity to influence what/how I learn' and 'staff expect me to take responsibility for my own learning' - this is very encouraging because the school has been working on this throughout the year.

Mr McLachlan will bring the School Improvement Plan to the next meeting to show reps.

Lucy thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting.

Date of next meeting Tuesday 14 May 2019, 1.05pm in the Digihub