

## **MINUTES OF PUPIL COUNCIL MEETING**

**11 June 2019**

Minutes: Mrs Cartwright

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

### **Welcome**

Mr McLaughlin welcomed everyone to the meeting.

### **P4/5 Toilet Refurbishment**

Each toilet will be refurbished in the same way with 4 cubicles, sinks, hand dryers, new lights, ventilation, no external doors to the corridor – just the same as the new P6/7 and P1/2 toilets.

Mr McLaughlin will make the decision whether these new toilets will be gender specific or unisex after consulting with pupils, staff and parents.

Reps shared feedback from their classes:

PRO GENDER SPECIFIC	PRO UNISEX
pupils feel more comfortable	better use of space
boys can leave the seats up	less queues – more cubicles available
pupils are more familiar with this	works well already in P6/7 and P1/2
boys prefer urinals (NB there will be no urinals, regardless of decision)	better if there is a fault and one set of toilets is out of use – still toilets available for all
it would feel less weird	girls will chat less if there are boys around
boys and girls don't like mixing	

On the whole, reps felt that classmates would prefer gender specific toilets. Older pupils reported that the unisex toilets were strange at the beginning of the year but now they are no big deal and feel quite normal. Having no corridor doors has reduced the amount of carrying on.

Regardless of the decision made, all pupils will have the choice to use whichever type of toilet they prefer because the P3 toilets will remain gender specific. No matter what, the best thing will be having toilets which are new and pleasant to use.

Mr McLaughlin will meet with members of the Parent Council on Friday to read the 160 responses from families. The final decision will be shared with everyone next week.

### **A.O.C.B.**

The wording for Mr Winters' plaque has been agreed.

**Date of next meeting** Tuesday 25 June 2019, 1.05pm in the Digihub