



RRSA Steering Group

Steering Group Minutes – Meeting 1 – Friday 3rd October 2014

Present

Scott Bremner	P7 rep
Freya Harkness	P6 rep
Ellen Morrison	P5 rep
Lottie Wright	P4 rep
Mrs J. Gaspar	Chair
Mrs J. Marra	Office Administrator
Mrs Lara Haken	Parent rep
Mrs Liz Barrett	Parent rep

Apologies

Miss McMaster	Sr Management
Mrs Lorraine Murray	Community member

1. Mrs Gaspar welcomed everyone to the meeting, particularly Lottie, our new pupil representative for P4. Mrs Gaspar noted that Lorraine Murray, our community member, is not able to join us regularly on Fridays for meetings, so we intend to ask Bellsquarry resident Mr Robin Aitken if he would like to join the steering group. Mrs Marra will arrange this. Another possibility is Christine Hay, who is already involved with the school.

2. Mrs Gaspar is chasing up our November assessment date with Boghall School. When we have a date, we might be able to invite former pupil steering group members such as Emma or Heather to the assessment day.

The buy-a-brick stall at the Strawberry Fayre was very successful in raising awareness of the RRS initiative as well as raising money for Open Doors, a local charity providing support and shelter to young people. Mrs Gaspar will check exactly how much was raised, and we will display photos and more information on our community fundraising board near the hall. Ellen and Lottie will arrange a thank you note from the committee.

Scott and Freya will mount the rights respecting speech bubbles on coloured paper to make them more visible, and Mrs Gaspar will check with Mrs Jones if there are any which were taken down when the displays were cleared at the end of last session.

Mrs Gaspar reported that we have received a letter from Taiba, our sponsored child, and this will be included on our display.

Mrs Gaspar will continue to keep teachers updated about the RRS initiative to ensure classroom charters are displayed prominently and linked to rights and responsibilities.

3. The Bellsquarry Breakfast Club rights-respecting initiative is progressing well and we now have around 40 children attending breakfast club regularly. The pupil council are implementing Dining Hall Etiquette linked directly to rights respecting. Mrs Jones and Mrs Marra are working together with the help of breakfast buddies to give children attending the BBC a range of creative activities which they can do together after breakfast. We have been given a £200 grant which has been used to buy new games and resources for the BBC. Mrs Gaspar will arrange for Scott to have the camera to photograph some of the activities.

4. The United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC) will celebrate its 25th anniversary on 20 November 2014. Mrs Gaspar has registered the school for Outright, which is a programme of activities for rights-respecting schools to participate in. We will mark the occasion in school on 21st November, when we also have a charity 'Superheroes' day planned to raise money for the Anthony Nolan Trust. We plan to sing the rights respecting song at the special assembly that day and will arrange for stickers and perhaps a cake to mark the anniversary of the UNCRC.

Christmas Jumper Day in aid of Save the Children will take place on 12 December.

Bellsquarry School has acquired a piece of land opposite the school (behind the bench in front of the field). We hope to put this land to use in a way which will benefit the local community. Mrs Haken and Mrs Barrett will meet with Ms McMaster to progress this. Some representatives from the steering group may attend the next meeting of the Community Council (LH to find out when this will take place).

Mrs Gaspar will arrange for UNICEF leaflets to be sent out to new P1s and nursery children to ensure everyone is aware of the rights respecting initiative.

Mrs Marra is helping out at nursery at the end of the day, so will work with Mrs Quinn to ensure we have rights respecting displays and banners in the nursery. The children from the steering group will help the nursery children with displays.

Freya will speak to Miss Hood to see if an article can be included on the school mural.

Date of next meeting TBA