

ST ANDREW'S C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL

SCHOOL COUNCIL MINUTES

Thursday 12th October 2017

Present:		
Mr P Withams		Deputy Head Teacher
Mrs Turner		Governor
Miss Smith		Admin Assistant
Jessica Bryce	David Opimo-Fisher	Infant Representatives
Isabella Priestley	Joshua O'Brien	Year 3 Representatives
Lucy Hachem	Dylan Nahar	Year 4 Representatives
Lois Edwards	Sheldon Allen	Year 5 Representatives
Scarlett Harris	Matt Jefferies	Year 6 Representatives
Sienna Nornoo	Kebron Soloman	Year 6 Representatives

<u>Item</u>	<u>Discussion and Decisions</u>	<u>Action</u>
1. Opening Prayer	Mr Withams welcomed everyone. Mr Withams told all the School Council members that this time last year Amie and Liam wrote a prayer which we now use as the School Council Prayer. Miss Smith gave a copy to everyone along with a folder to keep the agenda and minutes from each meeting.	
2. Apologies for Absence	Sienna	
3. Accuracy & Matters Arising from the Last Meeting	<p>There were no minutes to discuss.</p> <p>INTRODUCTION TO SCHOOL COUNCIL</p> <p>Mr Withams explained that this year we have expanded School Council to two extra year 6 members, so they will be the infant reps as well. Mr Withams also explained that Miss Smith takes the minutes and then types them up and before the next meeting all School Council members will get a copy to read before the meeting.</p> <p>Mr Withams told everyone that Mrs Turner was the Governing Body rep and has been a governor for a number of years. Mr Withams explained about the governing body and that is it made of different walks of life. They have termly meetings and make decisions about what happens in school. Mrs Turner also reports back to the governing body what was discussed in the School Council meeting.</p> <p>If you feel there's something you want to talk about let Mr Withams or Miss Smith know and we can add to the agenda. School Council members should talk to their class and get ideas of what you would like to discuss in the next meeting.</p> <p>Mr Withams also mentioned that it would be a good idea to have a deputy School Council rep for each class.</p>	

<p>4. House Matters/Events</p>	<p>FUTURE HOUSE EVENTS Mr Withams explained about events we did last year, quiz, snow monster challenge etc. Mr Withams asked everyone for ideas for house events this year. Sheldon suggested free standing Christmas tree challenge, Dylan suggest free standing Fr Christmas challenge, Isabella suggested pupils to do an impression of Fr Christmas competition, Mr Withams said they already do that on party day. Kebron suggested a Christmas present hunt. Mr Withams said he would have to think about how it would be done. The events will take place on the last 3 days of term. Mr Withams suggested that School Council members could think about a charity they would like to support and raise money for. Mr Withams said Sports Ambassadors could help organise sports events.</p> <p>SCHOOL IMPROVEMENTS Mr Withams explained that Mrs Edwards would like everyone to have a think how we can improve the school. Mr Withams said that last year writing was not so good and our priority is to improve this across the whole school. Mr Withams asked everyone how we could make it more interesting. Kebron suggested the younger children could do a writing competition. Mr Withams said school council members could judge it. Everyone liked that idea. Sheldon suggested a lunchtime handwriting club. Lucy suggested every term have a theme to write about.</p>	<p>Mr Withams</p>
<p>5. Agenda Additions</p>	<p>Mr Withams asked reps to have a think of what they would like to add to the agenda. It was suggested, climbing frame, Matt asked if we could have another one. Mr Withams said they cost a lot of money. Sheldon suggest Monkey Bars, again Mrs Turner said these would cost a lot of money, but maybe The Friends could pay, but they would need any requests in writing. Matt will write a letter to The Friends to ask for them if they would like to pay for some monkey bars. (Matt has already written the letter). A copy will be given to Mrs Turner who will take it the next Friends Committee Meeting. Lucy suggested more £1 a day events to raise money. Isabella asked for more netballs, as they can't play with the balls. Mr Withams said they can use the brown basket balls. Netball balls are only used for netball practice and matches. Mr Withams said with the next lot of Sainsbury vouchers maybe we could get some netballs and bags so each year group could have a coloured bag and School Council members would be responsible for them. Everyone would like to discuss the girls and boys toilets and school lunches.</p>	<p>Mr Withams</p>

6. Date and Time of Next Meeting	Thursday 23 rd November at 2pm.	
7. Closing Prayer	The members said a prayer and the meeting ended at 3.05pm.	