

Brightstowe School Council Meeting Term 3 (05.02.19)

Present at meeting:

Jade – Brandon

Amber – Casey

Turquoise – Adriane

Coral – Isaac

Emerald – Gina, Ruben

Quartz – Oliver F, Oli T

The agenda (things to talk about):

05/02/19
1. Residential trips
Councillors said:
Jade – most pupils and 1 staff member keen to go. Amber – would like more day trips, but some would like to go to an activities centre. Turquoise – would prefer day trips (and had a long list of suggestions). Coral – Half would like to go overnight. They would like stay in tents. Emerald – didn't know Quartz – weren't sure on numbers but thought that most people would like to go on a residential trip if it was to do activities (e.g. canoeing, archery). They would like to go in summer after the exams are over.
Councillors voted/ actions:
Vote: Some classes didn't know how many would want to go. We thought it would be a good idea to do a big vote for everyone, so that we can decide if it's worth it. Action: Take a vote. If there is enough interest, then a group of councillors could make a persuasive presentation to the Headteachers.
2. Tables in the dining room.
Councillors said:
This was mixed. Some people (Coral, Emerald) were keen to put labels back on tables and make sure there is a diagram for the caretakers to follow. Others (Quartz) wanted people to sit wherever they like.

Councillors voted/ actions:

Vote: 3 classes voted for having a seating plan, and 3 for sitting wherever people like. This may also need to go to a big vote!

Action: Big vote. If the seating plan stays in place, Ruben has offered to draw a diagram of the plan.

3. Playground activities**Councillors said:**

Amber class would like the basketball hoop fixed to the wall. We discussed that this might make it noisy for the classes upstairs if it is used during class time. They also suggested that we could paint goals on the walls so that goals would not get broken.

Jade class wanted comfy chairs in summer, with cushions. They would also like some skittles.

Councillors voted/ actions:**Vote:**

Action: Ms Lloyd will find out how much it would cost to have a basketball net on the wall.

Jade class will find out how much a strong set of skittles would cost, and will have a look to see if they can find any chairs that might be suitable.

4. Charities to support**Councillors said:**

We like supporting some of the big events, such as Children in Need, Red Nose Day etc. For the others, each class could pick one. Most people felt that this money should not be used for us, and that we would prefer it to go to other people.

Councillors voted/ actions**Vote:**

Actions: Each class to pick a charity, so that one month's fundraising can be donated to each.

5. Non-uniform days

Quartz suggested that we could do this when Oasis have an inset day so that it doesn't interfere with inclusion, otherwise it is not fair if some people can wear their own clothes while others cannot. Amber thought it would be nice if this money could be used for trips, as we're raising money for charity in other ways.

Councillors voted/ actions**Vote:**

Actions: Hold a non-uniform day the next time Oasis have an inset day.

6. Deputy Head Interviews**Councillors said:**

Isaac and Oli T volunteered to be on the interview panel (some pupils to be asked tomorrow, as in inclusion).

The session is on Thursday (7th Feb) at 10am.

The following questions were suggested.

- Do you plan to make any changes to the way that teachers work which could have an effect on the quality of pupils' learning?
- Why do you want to work as a Deputy Head at Kingsweston?
- Tell us about your experiences as a teacher and as a leader.
- Will we see you here at Brightstowe and if so, when?
- What are your favourite pastimes outside school?

Councillors voted/ actions**Vote:****Actions:**

These are the things we will talk about at the next meeting:

- School Council. How do pupils feel about it? How could we do things better?
- E-safety. Is the school doing enough to teach pupils about how to stay safe on line, including how to deal with technology addiction?
- We will look at the vote about residential trips and think about what to do if there is enough interest.
- We look at the results of the vote on lunchtime seating and will decide what to do about it.
- Lunchtime clubs. Pupils wanted an art club but not many people go to it. What clubs would pupils attend if we could organise them?

Please can all councillors arrange a class meeting beforehand so that they can discuss the issues with their class and get their **opinions.**
Remember to make notes and bring them with you.

Next meeting: **TBA (term 4)**