

School Council Minutes 13<sup>th</sup> April 2018 1.30pm

Present: Mr Smith, TH, ES, MP, IW, SF,

Apologies: LJ, OJ

**1. Minutes from last meeting**

Minutes were read through and agreed by the council.

**2. After School Clubs**

Mr Smith explained that he wanted some feedback on the clubs we have after school so that he can help plan new ones for the future. Also there were less children signed up for clubs this time.

‘I’m excited about there being a tennis club this time.’

‘The field is quite slippery at the moment and I think we should be inside.’ We discussed how we try to have it outside because otherwise the activities are restricted.

One of the councillors said they found it difficult to find the cricket equipment as the shed needs to be tidied out. The children wanted to volunteer to tidy it out. Mr Smith would speak to staff and see if we can arrange this soon.

The councillors liked there were lots of sports clubs and especially running and they were also excited about Country Dancing.

The older children would like to run a lunchtime club.

**Action: School Council to ask each class what clubs they would like to happen? Also ask children if clubs could be run by older pupils from time to time what clubs would they like to see? Mr Smith to talk to teachers about opportunity to tidy the shed and involving the older children.**

**3. Music Lessons**

The older children said they enjoyed doing Samba and had got better especially at playing rhythms and keeping to the beat. They liked the fact they could change the instrument they had. The teacher gave simple rules to follow. The children are not bored with doing the same

instrument as they have had different teachers. Mr Smith would like the school council involvement with Instrument Options. We have to put our instrument preference in as soon as possible. We are not guaranteed our preference.

Options are:

Brass

Strings

Woodwind (Flute, clarinet)

Percussion

Guitar/Ukulele

It is likely next year: Year 2, Year 3 and Year 4 will do music lessons.

**Action: School Council to ask each class what they would like to happen about music lessons?**

#### **4. Lunchtime**

The school council are going to look at lunchtimes with Mr Smith .

What works well?

The children said they liked the food but would like more choice. One councillor said the burger was 'dry'.

'Lots of things to play with..'

'Playing with my friends'

What could be improved?

Getting the noise levels right. The children want to be able to talk when having their lunch as they have to work hard in the morning and don't have time to chat. Some of the councillors felt they have to be quiet in the hall and can't chat. Some of the children had disagreements at the tables and issues with who they sat by.

Suggestions for improvement

Having a bench if you can't find anyone to play with – Buddy Bench. The Friends of the School can't currently fund this so some of the children wanted raise money for a bench.

Have 'Games of the Week' which older children show the younger children to play and play together.

The School councillor decided to talk to their classes about ideas for raising money for the hospital. Make and use their suggestion box.

**Action: It was decided that School Council will observe lunchtimes with Mr Smith and make an action plan from this -Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> April. School Councillors to ask children what they like and dislike about lunchtimes on this day as part of this observation.**