



Bourne Elsea Park C of E Primary Academy Student Council (SC)
Minutes of Meetings held on 25.05.24

Distribution.

Y1, Y2, Y3, Y4, Y5, Y6, Miss Davey, Mrs Moore (SLT), Mr Shore (SLT) Class Teachers, Mrs Jones, Mrs Bates, Mrs Anderson, Mrs Jordan (Student Council leaders, BAPA, CWS) Mrs Shears, Mr Farnaby (Link Governor)

Present.

Miss Davey, Y1-Y6 Councillors, Y6 Eco Warriors

1. Welcome, register and apologies

Miss Davey took register and all councillors were present therefore no apologies were given. Miss Davey welcomed the Eco Warriors.

2. Impact of Character Education – Integrity

Miss Davey asked the councillors two questions about the impact of the Character Education in Term 3 and 4 – Integrity. The questions were:

How has school helped you to learn about having INTEGRITY?

Feedback from councillors was:

- Collective Worships, Bible stories and Memory verses
- our Class assemblies
- when playing fairly in PE lessons
- learning in class from our teachers and them being role models
- Reflection areas and school displays
- our British Values such as Rule of Law, Mutual Respect and Tolerance of other faiths
- how it links with our UNICEF Articles especially Article 29
- learning from our friends showing good behaviour
- receiving praise and rewards for making good choices
- fun visits which have encouraged us to show integrity
- inspirational quotes
- linking it to our 3Rs

How has that helped you to become a better learner/person?

- telling the truth to my family and friends more
- playing games with family and friends without cheating
- completing tests or work in class without cheating or copying friends
- telling the truth to our teachers so we can learn from our mistakes
- making good choices even when no-one is looking for because it makes me a better person and not just because I will be rewarded
- walking away if someone is not making good choices rather than being drawn into bad behaviour myself
- it helps me to focus on my learning, be quieter and be a better listener
- doing things we don't really want to do but knowing they are good for us and other people
- by being a lead goose sometimes helps me in different ways
- it helps us to make the most of our school day and learning time by picking up more information and new skills
- helps me pay attention more
- helps me to concentrate so I can challenge myself more – persevering and practicing my maths at home
- helps me to do my best without showing off
- it helps you to have the courage to stand up for what is right and what you believe in.

As a whole Student Council they agreed that learning about Integrity has been a very important and impactful Character Trait as it teaches you to be selfless, kind and how to do the right thing.

3. Pupil Questionnaire

This was presented first to Student Council to enable them to vote on behalf of their classes.

The proposal was put to the children: Should the requirement to state your gender be removed from the Pupil Questionnaires?

After a short debate with some excellent arguments for and against, the vote was taken with the results being as follows:

Out of 8 Councillors

FOR: 8

AGAINST: 0

DON'T KNOW: 0

Councillors and Ambassadors were asked to check with their classes that they agreed with the way they had voted, and any classes that overturn the decision of their representative is to let Miss Davey know as soon as possible.

As you can see therefore from the point of view of BEPPA Student Council it was a unanimous decision to have the gender statement removed from the Pupil Questionnaires.

4. New Garden design

Miss Davey shared the newly adapted garden design, completed by Mr Giddings and brought them up to date with the garden structures that had been purchased were currently being built. The councillors and Eco Warriors thought the new design was fantastic and fulfilled the gardens remit of being a place for wellbeing and reflection, a place to learn, sustainable, habitable for nature and Eco friendly.

They had some questions and points to be raised about the garden:

- Will children help with planting?
- Will we be able to replan where football is played so the garden is protected?
- Will there be birdfeeders to go with the bird hide?
- Will the Jubilee Ginko tree be moved to the new garden?
- How will KS1 enjoy the garden from their playground?
- Will it be open for children to enjoy all of the time?

5. Suggestion Boxes

We ran out of time to go through the Suggestion boxes but one important request was discussed. Children wanted to award adults in the school with dojos, then a prize would be awarded at the end of each term for the adult with the most dojos.

Councillors like this idea but wanted to link it to our UNICEF status and adults being Duty Bearers. They decide to call it Paddington's Duty Bearer awards – for any adult in the school showing helping children to access their rights. A Duty Bearer certificate will be awarded at the end of each term to the adult with the most Duty Bearer dojos.

6. Date of Next Meeting -tbc

Miss Davey closed the meeting at 1.00pm

ACTION LOG

All classes are to hold meetings. Please read out these minutes and take any feedback.

- Councillors to remind class mates to put suggestions in the class boxes.
- Isabelle and Florence to meet with Mr Shore and Miss Ockwell to discuss how the Duty Bearer dojos will be assessed and tracked.
- Eco Warriors to discuss with Miss Davey and SLT the questions from Student Council around the garden.
OUTSTANDING ACTIONS still to be completed.
- Miss Davey, Mrs Hornsby, Mr Shore to look into grants for outside gym equipment.
- Councillors to feedback vote regarding Gender boxes on Pupil Questionnaires and discuss any points of view wishing to overturn this vote.

Class Meeting Agenda: TBA – Y5/Y6 Councillor will give out Agendas and Class Meeting sheets prior to next meeting.


Remember, if you are having trouble leading your meeting, ask your teacher to help you 😊

Article 12:
Every child has the right to say what they think should happen and have their views listened to.



Article 29:
Every child has the right to be the best they can.



 "He who is wise, listens." Proverbs 12:15 