

## **Minutes for School Council Meeting 31<sup>st</sup> October 2016):**

- 1) Staff Present: Dr Hunt, Mr Brinkley, Mrs Carpenter  
Representatives from all year groups were present
- 2) The format of school council meetings was explained to new school councillors
- 3) Mrs Wooddissee addressed the meeting, explaining her role as a community link officer. It is hoped that the school will take part in community events in the future – in particular another litter pick. Senior prefects are to initiate this.
- 4) **Year 7 Suggestions for New Starters**
  - A suggestion was made to identify which rooms are in which blocks for year new sevens and to place these on the back of the school maps that are handed out – agreed that this would be a good idea.
  - It was agreed that maps placed on the walls around the school, in the canteen and other such places with 'You are Here' markers, would be a good idea. They could show nearest fire exits as well.
- 5) **Use of On-line Cashless Catering Top-up**
  - It was thought it would be a good idea to send out a letter/email with the web link to the website where you can top up the lunch cards and to remind parents how to up-date the cards on-line. Mr Brinkley will look into this.
  - The website could also be reviewed to improve accessibility.
- 6) **Issues/Suggestions for Changes in School**
  - Stone slabs near the MFI department need resetting - the site team will be informed.
  - The possibility of more water fountains being installed around the school was discussed as queues at the water fountain are often very long. The fountains that are already there need to be looked after better by pupils for this to happen. Damage caused to the water fountains uses up money that might be used to buy more.
  - More seats and benches are on order and will be coming soon.
  - A request was made for healthy snacks and food available after school for Year 11's who are revising. This is a good suggestion and will be investigated – a dispensing machine might be the answer.
  - Rules on being allowed to wear your P.E kit home need to be clarified as they are inconsistent.
  - For exams warm up sessions with food and other snacks – possibility – will be looked into.
  - Should students be allowed free access to use the colour printers if it is for their projects – they should be for limited printing. Mr Brinkley will look into this.

- Canteen prices appear to be going up but portion sizes seem to be going down, it needs to be consistent – this will be passed on to the canteen manager.
- Paying for hot drinks requires cash and cannot be paid for using the cashless credit card system – this means there are two systems in operation. Mr Brinkley will look into the possibility of the dispensing machines being operated on the card system.
- Is there a possibility of flavoured water returning to the canteen? – to be passed on to the canteen manager.
- A sign informing students that the school nurse is in on that day should be put up to act as a reminder – there already is notification on the information screens but perhaps a sign could be put up next to the office as well.

## 7 **Any Other Business**

A request was made for the whole field to be available to pupils during the dryer months. It was thought that this would pose problems for the PE department, who need to keep some pitches in good condition for PE use. Also, the time it would take for pupils to get back to form/lessons from the far side of the field would be too great.

There is sometimes a problem with too many people wanting to play football on the area of the field that is available during break and lunchtimes but it was argued that this space is quite large and that pupils should be able to organise themselves to share the space fairly.