

School Council meeting 10/10/2017 – 2.30pm

Present – Staff- Miss Appleton, Mrs Butler, Mrs Tolley, Mr Maine, Mrs Kelly

Students- Sean P, Grace, Thomas B, Zafran, Adam, Sean Pr, Meghan, Danyal, Courtney W

Purpose of meeting

To discuss the reply letter from Mrs Hunter regarding last week's minutes

After initial greetings to all members I asked who remembered what was discussed last week, Grace immediately said no fighting and gave me the poster that her class had produced to be displayed for all students to see. I asked where the other posters were, none of the other classes had managed to make theirs so I have requested these are produced and brought to next week's meeting.

Next I read the response letter from Mrs Hunter to the school council members and asked them what they understand bullying to be. They all agreed that it was an unkind thing to do, so I questioned them further to give me examples of what bullying behaviour might look like. Courtney said "using awful words", Sean P said "being rude" and Zafran added "punching".

We then discussed whether we would class someone as a bully if they punched you once in the arm. It was decided that the person who had punched you might be having a bad day or just be playing about so this didn't class as bullying. Meghan said it was someone who did it "all the time", it was explained that it didn't necessarily happen all of the time but it is a behaviour that is often repeated.

When asked how it might make you feel if you were being bullied Courtney stated "sad and crying" then added "no fighting to be friends". Which lead us on to discuss what we would do if this is happening at school. Sean Pr suggested walking away whilst Meghan said to tell a teacher.

It was then asked what they would do if they saw one of their friends being bullied. Sean Pr said "sort it out yourself, ask them what's gone on". Meghan agreed that if a friend is upset then you should talk to them about why. Courtney suggested telling your parents.

As a council they concluded that if bullying was occurring at school then they should speak out about it. It is not acceptable and there is always someone they can talk to if they have concerns regarding any aspect of bullying.

Thomas B and Sean Pr had requested to join today's meeting as they had something that they would like to discuss. They explained that they are part of a group called Eco Squad. With the help of Mr Pugh they are aiming to make our school as eco-friendly as possible. We already do what we can like turning lights off when we leave rooms, but they need some more ideas. They have requested that each class discuss this matter and bring their ideas to next week's meeting.

Finally a request from Mrs Richards, as per last year the Ridge Hill students wishing to be part of their school council have filled application forms in for members to look through and elect this years council. All applications were read through and discussed before members voted for someone from each class to be part of the new Ridge Hill school council. The result was as follows:

- Rainbow – Lauren
- Red – Darnell
- Yellow – Chloe
- Pink – Harry
- Green – Sam
- Orange – Matthew
- Purple - Katie

Meeting closed 2.58pm