

School Council meeting 21/11/2017 – 2.30pm

Present – Staff- Miss Appleton, Mrs Tolley, Mrs Kelly

Students- Meghan, Sean P, Danyal, Grace, Courtney W, Matthew

Purpose of meeting

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

Last weeks 'thinking point' for members to take back to class for discussion was regarding the upcoming interviews for the Level 3 Teaching Assistant posts. In Mrs Hunters reply to the minutes from the last meeting she emphasises how important it is that we have the right staff in school who are able to help everyone learn. She states that she would like to ask the candidates a question from the school council during interview, so that is what will be decided during the meeting.

Meghan and Sean had some notes with them, a member of their class Karl had said he would like the new staff member to be happy and it would be nice if they wore smart clothes. It was agreed by everyone that they are good qualities in a person but it wasn't really a question that could be asked during the interview process.

Meghan had noted a question down "can you sign Makaton signs?" So I asked why this was a good quality to have, Courtney stated that it helps with learning and it can help you to speak. This was followed by a discussion about communication and how everyone communicates differently with Makaton being a useful tool to have but there are also lots of other ways to communicate.

When Grace was asked what question she would like to ask she thought that asking their name would be a good question. She also said that she would like someone that could "help you to read", and someone that can "talk properly" so that they can help you.

So we have decided that we want someone that is happy. When questioned as to what sort of lessons they enjoyed at school all members were in agreement that fun lessons are the best. So the question that was decided by the school council is; How would you make lessons fun?

When asked if there was anything else to be discussed Meghan said that Miss Piper had noted that not all students were participating in the cleaning of tables etc. in the dining hall during lunchtime. She reported that it was a very uneven balance with some students always willing to help and others that seemed to be very unwilling. A rota was suggested to ensure that the workload was shared equally. The rota will allocate the duty to a class per week, changing each Monday. I, Miss Appleton, have agreed to create the rota and it will commence Monday 27th November 2017.

As Adam was unable to attend the meeting today I am unsure as to the outcome of his conversation with Mr Smith about bins to put the leaves into. With possibly nowhere to put the leaves when they have been swept up this action is yet to be commenced. It will be discussed at the next meeting to enable us to move forward.

Meeting closed 2.52pm