

**Minutes of the Children's Parliament Meeting**  
**5<sup>th</sup> December 2016, Sharlston Community School**  
**12.30pm – 2.30pm**

**Attendance:** D Dickinson (Chair), E Swann (hosting) with representatives from Sharlston Community School, representatives from South Kirkby Academy (accompanied by F Lodge), Normanton Junior Academy (accompanied by R Tait and D Wood), Walton Primary Academy (accompanied by A O'Dowd) Crofton Infant's School (accompanied by S Allen) and Lee Brigg Infant and Nursery school (accompanied by L Tutt).

**Apologies:** Normanton Common Primary Academy

**Secretary:** K Newton

**1. Welcome**

DD welcomed all members.

**2. Minutes from the previous meeting**

The minutes from the previous meeting were circulated. DD read through the minutes to give a summary of what had happened at the last meeting.

**3. Deputy Prime Minister Election Results**

Prior to the meeting, children wishing to become Deputy Prime Minister, had made a short video which had been posted on the Trust website. The videos were shown in all schools and the children had voted on their preferred candidate. The votes were counted before the meeting and DD announced the new Deputy Prime Minister as Grace from Sharlston Community School. Grace will work alongside Bradley, (the current Prime Minister) to prepare her for her role as Prime Minister next year.

**Action – KN to arrange a meeting for DD to meet with the Children's Parliament Prime Minister, Deputy Prime Minister and the new Chair in January.**

**4. Year 6 - Chair Candidate Presentations and Voting**

In the last Children's Parliament meeting after discussion it was agreed that future Parliament meetings would be chaired by a year 6 councillor. Seven Year 6 children put themselves forward. During the meeting they all had the opportunity to introduce themselves and give a speech about why they should be elected as the chair. Afterwards the candidates left the room whilst the Parliament voted. Iona from Sharlston Community School was elected Chair. DD will support Iona at the next meeting.

**5. MAT Music Evening**

DD updated everyone about the upcoming Waterton Academy Trust Musical Celebration. The event will take place on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> January at 7pm until 9pm at Wakefield Theatre Royal. The show will be split into 2 Acts. Act 1: children from KS1 (10 children from each school). Act 2: Children from KS2 (10 children from each school). The theme is 'music through the decades'.

## 6. Houses of Parliament Trip

AO spoke about a free trip to the Houses of Parliament that offers hands on activities and real debates. AO believed the trip was free and that there was possibly 50% off transport costs. FL said that South Kirkby Academy had been on the trip last year. It cost approximately £25 per child which included travel costs.

**Action – To liaise with schools to find out the number of school councillors, discuss logistics, lunch etc and bring the details to the next meeting.**

## 7. MAT Summer Festival

Children from Walton Primary Academy suggested having a MAT summer festival. They proposed;

- having stalls from different schools
- live music, possibly school choirs to sing
- WPA was suggested as a venue as the school has a large field
- a X-Factor style talent competition

**Action – DD to take to the HT meeting**

## 8. AOB

### 8.1 Art Project

RT is in the process of setting up an art leaders network. It was suggested that we have a central art gallery for all the schools. The children could create one piece of artwork per class. After that, one piece of artwork could move around the schools. Then a collection of art from each school could be exhibited in the central art gallery. Around Easter time, the Hepworth or the Yorkshire Sculpture Park could be contacted about the possibility of exhibiting there.

**Action - DD to take to the HT meeting**

- RT to bring notes for the Art Exhibition to the next CP meeting

### 8.2 Illustrations for Poetry Book

The illustration competition is underway and poems are on the Waterton Trust website to inspire illustrators. It was discussed that each school are to enter illustrations, (a maximum of 2 illustrations for each poem). The Children's Parliament will then decide which is the best interpretation of the poem during the next meeting.

**Action – Schools to send illustrations via email to [admin@watertonacademytrust.org](mailto:admin@watertonacademytrust.org) by 30<sup>th</sup> January 2017. (Please indicate which poem the picture refers to).**

**Date of next meeting: Monday 6<sup>th</sup> February, 12.30pm – 2.30pm at South Kirkby Academy**