

## Waterton Academy Trust

### Children's Parliament Minutes

**DATE:**

 27<sup>th</sup> March 2017

**TIME:**

1pm

**LOCATION:**

Normanton Common Primary Academy

**PRESENT**

<b>Chair:</b>	Iona H (Sharlston Community School)	
<b>Prime Minister</b>	Bradleigh N (Normanton Junior Academy)	
<b>Deputy Prime Minister</b>	Grace F (Normanton Junior Academy)	
	D Dickinson (WAT)	
	A O'Dowd	Walton Representatives
	L Cavell	Normanton Common Representatives
	F Lodge	South Kirkby Representatives
	R Tait	Normanton Junior Academy Representatives
	E Swann	Sharlston Community School Representatives
	S Allen and G Simpson	Crofton Infants' School Representatives
	L Tutt	Lee Brigg Representatives

<b>Clerk:</b>	E Davies
<b>Apologies:</b>	K Newton

ITEM	ACTION
<b>1. Welcome, Introductions and Apologies</b>	
Iona H welcomed all to the meeting, introductions were made. Apologies noted for K Newton.	
<b>2. Minutes of the previous meeting</b>	
<p>ACTION points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The SLT have now met with the Headteachers and will feed back to the group.</li> <li>- The results of the illustration competition will be discussed</li> <li>- An update on the Parliament trip will be given</li> <li>- An update on the Art project will be given.</li> </ul> <p>The minutes were accepted as an accurate record of the last meeting.</p>	

<b>3. Poetry Illustration Results</b>	
<p>E Davies provided a 'mocked up' version of the poetry book. Time was taken to look through this.</p> <p>It was noted that Mrs Simpkins would be providing an introduction for the book.</p> <p>Iona H opened a discussion around possible titles, and the following were suggested:</p> <p>Autumn around School(s)  Autumn at Waterton  Poem Extravaganza  Perfect Poetry  Waterton's Autumn Walk  Waterton's Autumn Poems  Autumn Poems</p> <p><b>AGREED:</b> It was agreed by popular vote that 'Perfect poetry' would be the title for the book.</p> <p><b>AGREED:</b> It was also agreed that the book would need a contents page.</p> <p>The book will be published on the Waterton website, and made available for parents to purchase.</p>	ED
<b>4. Waterton Academy Trust Update</b>	

	<p>D Dickinson gave an update on recent events.          On 1<sup>st</sup> April 2017 Waterton Academy Trust (WAT) will grow to 9 schools, when Cherry Tree Academy (formerly Cobblers Lane School) and Wrenthorpe Primary will join the Trust.          WAT has also received an application for Ackworth Mill Dam to join the Trust, which would make WAT a Trust of 10 schools.</p> <p>An Academy Trust in Calderdale called 'Brighter Futures' would like to work with WAT. They would not plan to join our Trust, but instead work in partnership with us.</p> <p>D Dickinson gave feedback from the Children's Parliament SLTs visit to the Headteachers Board meeting – the SLT did a great job representing the views of all Schools, they answered difficult questions and agreed that they should meet the Headteachers at least annually. All Headteachers were very positive about this visit.</p> <p>D Dickinson will be meeting with the SLT and arranging assemblies for the SLT to go into schools and speak to the children about the Children's Parliament, what we do and how we work.</p>	
<p><b>5.</b></p>	<p><b>Parliament Trip</b></p>	
	<p>E Davies gave an update on the upcoming Parliament trip. It was agreed at the last meeting that the current Y6 councillors would be invited, as well as next year's Y6 councillors.          This would total around 50 children. We would need at least one adult from each school to attend, as well as D Dickinson, K Newton and E Davies.          K Newton has been looking into coaches and it was found that we could save money on the trip if our MP, Yvette Cooper, attends as well. Yvette would be happy to attend the trip. Once the dates are available to book, K Newton will co-ordinate with schools and Yvette Coopers office to find a suitable date.          K Newton has also been looking into getting permission from secondary schools for current Y6 children to attend, and so far the response has been positive.</p> <p><b>ACTION:</b> K Newton to find a suitable date for the trip, and to discuss with Yvette Cooper. K Newton to find out names of current Y6, which secondary schools they will be going to and obtain permission to attend. An update to be provided at the next meeting.</p>	<p>KN</p>
<p><b>6.</b></p>	<p><b>Waterton Academy Trust Newspaper</b></p>	
	<p>This idea was raised at the last meeting, and was discussed with Headteachers, who were in favour of the idea.          After discussion and voting, the following points were agreed:  <b>AGREED:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The Newspaper will be produced every half term.</li> <li>- Schools will work in pairs to produce this.</li> <li>- It will be ensured that the pairings will include both KS1 and KS2</li> <li>- These paired schools will put a team together for the newspaper which will</li> </ul>	

	<p>include KS1 and KS2 members. Schools will be responsible for managing this themselves. This group will not be limited to just the school council.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- This team would need to gather information from all trust schools, but could focus on the schools producing the newspaper.</li> <li>- MPs to go back to school and request suggestions for content from the school. These suggestions to be emailed to K Newton/E Davies by Friday 12<sup>th</sup> May.</li> <li>- WAT will look for a package or template for producing the newspaper, and make this available to schools once the content is decided.</li> <li>- Schools will have the freedom to put their own articles and ideas in, with the content list to be used for ideas/guidance.</li> <li>- When completed the newspaper will be published on WAT and school websites.</li> </ul>	ED/KN
7.	<p><b>Art Network Overview</b></p>	
	<p>The Art Network Group has met, and discussed the project. R Tait provided an update.</p> <p>The proposed theme is Identity, with a focus on School logos, motto and values. The group has produces guidance for the project for each year group. Every class in every school will work collaboratively on a piece of art, which varies from finger painting to weaving.</p> <p>These artworks will be gathered together as a portable showcase which will travel around all schools in the second half of the summer term, and be returned to schools in September. All art to be completed by 19<sup>th</sup> May.</p> <p>It was clarified that all artworks will be physical not digital, as they must be able to be displayed at all schools.</p> <p><b>AGREED:</b> All were in favour of this proposal, R Tait will email this information to the schools.</p>	
8.	<p><b>AOB</b></p>	
	<p><i>Waterton's Got Talent</i></p> <p>Grace F (SCS) made a suggestion for a 'Waterton's Got Talent' competition. Suggested that rounds could be held in schools to determine finalists, who would perform together at a central location in celebration.</p> <p><b>AGREED:</b> This was agreed upon by popular vote. No more than 2 acts will be submitted to the final. There will not be an overall winner, but a celebration of everyone's achievement and a fun showcase of different talents. Each performance to be 3-5 minutes.</p> <p><b>ACTION:</b> R Tait will look into hosting the celebration at Normanton Junior School. E Davies to inform Headteachers of the proposal. Schools to make arrangements to host their own rounds and decide upon acts for celebration performance. E Davies to look at inviting parents etc. E Davies to look into staff choir, 'The Watertones' having a slot to perform.</p> <p><i>Meeting Yvette Cooper</i></p> <p>E Davies has spoken with Yvette Coopers office regarding Yvette attending a Parliament meeting. Yvette would like to attend.</p>	ED

	<p><b>AGREED:</b> The Parliament to have an additional meeting which Yvette will attend. This to be held at Wakefield Council's Chambers if possible, and for all school councillors to be invited to attend.</p> <p><b>ACTION:</b> E Davies to find a date in June where this will be possible.</p> <p><b>ACTION:</b> The next meeting to focus on what we would like to discuss with Yvette.</p>	
<b>9.</b>	<b>Date of Next Meeting</b>	
	Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May 2017, 12.30pm Crofton Infants' School	
<b>MEETING CLOSED</b>		