

Waterton Academy Trust

Children's Parliament Minutes

DATE:

Monday 19th March 2018

TIME:

1pm

LOCATION:

Ackworth Mill Dam

PRESENT
Deputy Prime Minister

Emma (South Kirkby Academy)

Chair

Chloe (Sharlston Community School)

D Dickinson (Waterton Academy Trust)

Mel Barber

Cherry Tree Representatives

T Connellan

Walton Representatives

L Cavell

Normanton Common Representatives

F Lodge

South Kirkby Representatives

R Tait and D Wood

Normanton Junior Academy
Representatives

E Swann

Sharlston Community School
Representatives

L Tutt

Lee Brigg Representatives

K Sanders

Wrenthorpe Representatives

T de Beer

Ackworth Mill Dam Representatives

Clerk:

K Newton

Apologies:

J Stefaniuk – Crofton Infants' Representatives

ITEM	ACTION
1. Welcome, Introductions and Apologies	
<p>Apologies from Crofton Infant School and Grace (Prime Minister) SCS.</p>	
2. Review of the previous minutes	
<p>The minutes were accepted as an accurate record of the last meeting.</p>	
3. Local Academy Update	
3.1 Community initiative	
<p>Following a discussion around community initiative, it was agreed that representatives from each school would meet at a central place in Wakefield, (yet to be decided) and carry out planting.</p>	
<p>ACTION: Mr Dickinson to take to Headteachers board – Environmental group.</p>	1
3.2 Headteachers meeting	
<p>The Children’s Parliament Senior Leadership Team, attended the last Headteachers meeting and were presented with questions about Children’s Parliament and their role as senior leaders. One of the Headteachers asked if Children’s Parliament or school council had a quality assurance mark.</p>	
<p>ACTION: For Children’s Parliament to look into quality marks for school councils.</p>	2
3.3 Safety Poster and attendance	
<p>The children talked about having a poster in each school about how to keep safe, including children’s pictures and quotes. Their ideas were that the poster should be child friendly and could include, safer internet week, friend stop, sad at playtime, making the poster relevant to each school.</p>	
<p>Attendance across the Trust was also discussed. The children agreed that it would be nice to hold an attendance week, giving incentives and highlighting the need to attend school. (Collective attendance across the Trust).</p>	
<p>The children shared models that they use in school and ideas for rewards, for example, Emoji boards on the classroom wall, SAM puppy (SAM stands for school attendance matters) and holding reward assemblies for everyone who achieves 100% attendance. Possible rewards could be to go on a trip, termly cash voucher for escape or a tea party with parents in school.</p>	
<p>Action: Mr Dickinson to take the collective school attendance and poster idea to the Headteachers board.</p>	3
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<p>3.5 School council/parliament suggestion box</p> <p>South Kirkby Academy brought their rooster to share with everyone and explained that it was a worry box. The children liked the idea of having a suggestion box in every school for those who might not want to speak face to face.</p> <p>It was agreed by all, that children would like to have a school council/parliament suggestion box in every school. Every week the school council could get together to discuss problems and strategies. It would be school's responsibility to bring ideas/worries to parliament.</p> <p>ACTION: To bring school council/parliament suggestion box designs to parliament, voting to be held in parliament and boxes of that design would be made.</p> <p>Normanton Town Hall visit</p> <p>Children from Lee Brigg are to visit Normanton Town Hall this term.</p> <p>ACTION: Lee Brigg to provide feedback.</p>	<p>4</p> <p>5</p>
<p>4. Review of the Newspaper</p>	
<p>MP's stated that they would like to share the newspaper with their classmates; the children asked if schools could print out the newspaper and have copies available in the library or classrooms. Mr Dickinson reported that he had shared the Waterton Newspaper at a conference he had attended in Manchester.</p> <p>The pairing to create the next edition of Waterton news are Crofton Infants' and Walton Primary, the deadline for Submissions is Friday 11th May ready for publication Friday 18th May.</p> <p>ACTION: To promote the website on the Newspaper and on school newsletters.</p>	<p>6</p>
<p>5. Review of Waterton's Got Talent</p>	
<p>Mr Dickinson spoke about Waterton's Got Talent, saying what a night to remember, the quality of the acts were amazing and everyone was very brave, performing on stage in front of an audience.</p> <p>Everyone agreed to book the theatre for the same time next year. One suggestion for next year was Waterton's Got More Talent.</p> <p>ACTION: To bring ideas for the next event at Wakefield Theatre Royal.</p> <p>ACTION: Update on Waterton's Got Talent DVD's</p>	<p>7</p> <p>8</p>

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6. Update on MP's Visits	
<p>Mr Dickinson has written to all four local MP's but has not had a reply as yet. It was suggested that if there was no response to contact the Major.</p>	
7. Any other business	
7.1 Girl's football/netball tournament.	
<p>Mr Biltcliffe is currently in the process of organising a girl's only football/netball combo tournament, (as requested in the meeting in September). He is organising for the first half of the summer term after SAT's. Mr Dickinson requested an invite.</p>	
7.2 Waterton Radio	
<p>A suggestion was made to explore creating a radio station or a podcast. To broadcast at playtimes, including things such as stars of the week, golden time and events.</p>	
7.3 ACTION: Agenda item for the next meeting.	9
Ideas and initiative	
<p>ACTION: Mr Dickinson asked the children to continue discussing ideas that we might want to roll out across the Trust and bring them to Parliament.</p>	10
8. Date and venue of next meeting	
Monday 30 th April at Normanton Junior Academy	
MEETING CLOSED	