

Waterton Academy Trust

Children's Parliament Minutes

DATE:

 Monday 22nd May 2017

TIME:

1pm

LOCATION:

Crofton Infants' School

PRESENT

Chair:	Iona H (Sharlston Community School)	
Prime Minister	Bradleigh N (Normanton Junior Academy)	
Deputy Prime Minister	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 and D Wood	Normanton Junior Academy Representatives
	E Swann	Sharlston Community School Representatives
	S Allen and G Simpson	Crofton Infants' School Representatives
	L Tutt	Lee Brigg Representatives

Clerk:	K Newton
Apologies:	No

ITEM	ACTION
1. Welcome, Introductions and Apologies	
Iona H welcomed all to the meeting. No apologies for absence.	
2. Minutes of the previous meeting	
ACTION points: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The title of the poetry book will be Perfect Poetry and will include a contents page. - WAT to find a suitable date for the Parliament trip. - WAT will look for a template for producing a newspaper and make this available to schools. - WAT to look into inviting parents to Waterton's got Talent and the staff choir having a slot to perform. The minutes were accepted as an accurate record of the last meeting.	
3. SLT Assemblies	
DD gave an update on SLT assemblies. Prime Minister Bradleigh, Deputy Prime Minister Grace and Chair Iona will work alongside Mr Dickinson to give speeches and a presentation. They will go to every school in the Trust. The objectives are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - To share what Children's Parliament have already achieved. - To share what Children's Parliament are currently doing. - To share what will happen next year. Action: To send scripts to SLT, for them to read and/or amend appropriately.	KN
4. Houses of Parliament Trip	
KN gave an update on the House of Parliament Trip. It has been agreed that the current Y6 councillors would be invited, as well as next Y6 councillors. The trip has been provisionally booked for the 13 th October 2017. Action: To organise transport and find out if we are eligible for travel subsidy. To collate information about current Y6 councillors and contact secondary schools to gain permission.	KN

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<p>5. Yvette Cooper (MP) Update</p> <p>Arranging a meeting with Yvette Cooper (MP) will have to be postponed until after the elections.</p> <p>FL suggested that the children start a project to share their thoughts with everyone about holding their own mini election in school to look at the children's perspectives. Talking about age appropriate topics.</p> <p>Action: FL to email other schools about this project. KN to catch up with FL to get feedback.</p>	<p>FL KN</p>
<p>6. Waterton Academy Trust Newspaper</p> <p>The idea of the newspaper had been discussed in previous meetings and at the Headteachers board who were in favour of the idea. KN provided a newspaper template and a proposal of content. KN has set up an email address for the Newspaper articles to be forwarded to: newspaper@watertonacademytrust.org</p> <p>After discussion the following points were agreed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Back in school the children are to discuss a title for the newspaper. - Walton and Normanton Common Primary Academy will be the first to pair up and create a Newspaper before the end of the summer term. - The paired schools will put a newspaper team together. The team does not have to be limited to just the school council. - When completed the newspaper will be published on the Waterton Academy Trust and school websites. <p>Action: To send out a newspaper template to Walton and NCPA To distribute the proposal for content to both schools</p>	<p>KN</p>
<p>7. Waterton's Got Talent</p> <p>At the previous meeting suggestions were made for a Waterton's Got Talent competition. It was agreed that rounds are to be held in schools to determine finalists, who will then perform at the Wakefield Theatre Royal. DD took this to the Headteachers who though it was a great idea, the Headteachers felt that so many children would be interested in taking part it would take longer to organise and proposed postponing the date until spring term 2 being mindful of SATs.</p>	
<p>8. Art Network Group Overview</p> <p>RT provided an update, each school represents their school in a form of art, for example, Normanton Junior Academy are creating their logo in clay. Other schools are using textile, and the art will vary from painting to weaving. Iona H raised the question of how the artwork would be transported. RT responded that art leaders are to take to the host school, and then it is the responsibility of the host school to transport to the next school.</p> <p>Action: RT to give an update regarding dates, logistics and order of tour.</p>	<p>KN</p>

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<p>9. Poetry/Illustration book update</p> <p>KN has looked into having the book published, with several publishing companies; the quotes received were very expensive. It was agreed that the book would be converted into a digital format and put onto the Waterton Academy Trust website, to be downloaded as an eBook.</p> <p>Action: To create the book in a compatible format, so that it can be uploaded onto the website and converted into an eBook.</p>	<p>KN</p>
<p>10. Appointment arrangements 2017/2018</p> <p>DD suggested that the councillors talk to their class friends about Children's Parliament and discuss in schools about arrangements for next year, for example, the frequency of the meetings.</p> <p>Action: DD to send key questions to each school for discussion.</p>	<p>DD</p>
<p>11. Any Other Business</p> <p>MATlympics</p> <p>The MATlympics will take place in the summer term. Each school will take part in the event which will take place at Charlston Community School, Wednesday 28th June. All schools have the information to share.</p>	
<p>12. Date of next meeting</p> <p>Monday 10th July – Lee Brigg Infant and Nursery</p>	

MEETING CLOSED