



Waterton Academy Trust  
 The Grove  
 Walton  
 Wakefield  
 WF2 6LD

## Waterton Academy Trust

### Children's Parliament Meeting Minutes

**DATE:**

19<sup>th</sup> October 2023

**TIME:**

11:00

**LOCATION:**

The Hepworth

**Present**

**Parliament Leadership:**

Prime Minister: Harry (WA)

Deputy Prime Minister: Ruby (KMA)

Parliament Chair: Eva (WPA)

**Chair:**

Mr Dickinson, Waterton Academy Trust

**Attending:**

Representatives from Walton Primary Academy

Representatives from Cherry Tree Academy

Representatives from Lee Brigg Infant & Nursery

Representatives from Sharlston Community School

Representatives from South Kirkby Academy

Representatives from Wrenthorpe Academy

Representatives from King's Meadow Academy

Representatives from West End Academy

Representatives from Crofton Infants School

Representatives from Churchfield Primary School

Representatives from Mill Dam School

Representatives from Newstead Academy

**Clerk:**

Mrs McGoldrick, Waterton Academy Trust

**Apologies:**

Representatives from Normanton Common Primary Academy

Representatives from Normanton Junior Academy

**ITEM**

**ACTION**

**1. Welcome, Introductions and Apologies**

Mr Dickinson welcomed all attendees. Mr Dickinson welcomed prime minister, Harry and deputy prime minister Ruby and discussed their responsibilities.

Apologies were received from Normanton Junior and Normanton Common Primary Academy.

**2. Appointment of Chair**

It was explained that prior to the meeting the PM & DPM had met to review speaker applications.

It was announced that Eva from Walton Primary Academy would attend as parliament speaker for the 23/24 academic year.

**3. Childrens Parliament**

**Roles & Responsibilities**

Discussed in item 1

**Meeting format**

| ITEM  | ACTION             |
|---|--------------------|
| <p>Mrs McGoldrick explained that 4 meetings would take place throughout the year.<br/> <b>VOTE: parliament voted to host future meetings at the Trust Centre for Excellence to facilitate virtual attendance where necessary.</b></p> <p><b>Events</b><br/> Mrs McGoldrick detailed that 3 events would take place per year.</p> <p><b>VOTE: representatives voted to conduct Wateton still has talent 23-24 to allow for children to display an abundance of eclectic talents.</b></p> <p><b>Initiatives</b><br/> Mrs McGoldrick detailed that 3 events would take place per year.</p> <p><b>VOTE: first initiative to take place to be the creation of Waterton Buddy Bench plaques to visibly sign post buddy benches introduced by 22/23 parliament within academies.</b></p>   |                    |
| <p><b>4. School Meals</b></p>   |                    |
| <p>The CEO had visited King’s Meadow Academy to review school meals provided following the receipt of a letter from King’s Meadow Pupils regarding school dinners.</p> <p>Representatives discussed school dinners. The following Q &amp; A took place:</p> <p>Q: would pupils prefer to receive meals in a tray or in a bowl/plate?<br/> A: Bowl/plate to prevent contamination between main meals and desserts</p> <p>Q: do children wish to maintain the ‘full plate’ policy?<br/> A: the provision of a separate small bowl of ‘test’ food would be preferred for children who do wish to try something new but aren’t sure if they will like it to prevent food contamination and reduce waste.</p> <p>It was requested that the below questions be taken back to school councils by Parliament Representatives:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The school menu currently changes twice per year, would you like this to be more frequent? If so how much more frequent?</li> <li>2. What are your general opinions on food being provided by school? E.g what do you think to the portion sizes, is food always the temperature that it should be, are there any meals that are served regularly that are not popular?</li> </ol> <p><b>ACTION: School Dinner feedback form to be produced and forwarded to leads to allow reps to vote.</b></p> | <p><b>GMcG</b></p> |
| <p><b>5. Waterton Turns 10</b></p>  |                    |

| ITEM   | ACTION       |
|--|--------------|
| <p>Mr Dickinson explained that due to the trust turning 10 in June 2023 the trust central team had been working with graphic designers to refresh the current branding. Mr Dickinson asked that children vote on proposed draft logos.</p> <p><b>VOTE: Option 3 with contrasting colours.</b></p>  |              |
| <p><b>6. Waterton Charity of the Year</b></p> <p>Possible charities for the 23-24 academic year were discussed. The following charities were suggested:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Riding for the Disabled Ackworth</li> <li>- Cancer Research UK</li> <li>- Yorkshire Air Ambulance</li> <li>- Childrens Heart Surgery Fund</li> <li>- Save the Children</li> <li>- Sheffield Childrens Hospital</li> </ul> <p><b>VOTE: One main charity to be elected followed by 3 sub charities to support.</b></p> <p><b>ACTION: Charity voting form to be produced and shared with parliament leads to facilitate school council vote.</b></p> | <b>G McG</b> |
| <p><b>7. AOB</b></p>   |              |
| <p><b>ACTION: CEO &amp; DCEO arrange to visit schools and their school councils.</b></p>   | <b>G McG</b> |
| <p><b>Date of Next Meeting</b><br/>25<sup>th</sup> January 2024, Centre for Excellence 1:30 – 2:30</p>   |              |
| <p><b>MEETING ENDED: 12:00</b></p>   |              |

| Actions Table  |   |             |
|----------------|---|-------------|
| <b>ACTON 1</b> | <p>School Dinner feedback form to be produced and forwarded to leads to allow reps to vote.</p> <p>Reps to provide feedback<br/><b>LINK: <a href="https://forms.office.com/e/qWgSEd5DA1">https://forms.office.com/e/qWgSEd5DA1</a></b></p>        | <b>GMcG</b> |
| <b>ACTON 2</b> | <p>Charity voting form to be produced and shared with parliament leads to facilitate school council vote.</p> <p>Reps to cast vote<br/><b>LINK: <a href="https://forms.office.com/e/1R2aq6L21n">https://forms.office.com/e/1R2aq6L21n</a></b></p> | <b>GMcG</b> |
| <b>ACTON 3</b> | <p>CEO &amp; DCEO arrange to visit schools and their school councils.</p>   | <b>GMcG</b> |