

## Waterton Academy Trust

### Children's Parliament Minutes

**DATE:**

 Monday 13<sup>th</sup> November 2017

**TIME:**

1pm

**LOCATION:**

Wrenthorpe Academy

**PRESENT**

<b>Prime Minister</b>	Grace (Sharlston Community School)	
<b>Deputy Prime Minister</b>	Emma (South Kirkby Academy)	
<b>Chair</b>	D Dickinson (Waterton Academy Trust)	
<b>Guest Speaker</b>	L Harrison - WAT Director (responsible for school improvement) Chair of Governors (Sharlston Community School)	
	M Barber	Cherry Tree Representatives
	T Connellan	Walton Representatives
	K Saville	Normanton Common Representatives
	F Lodge	South Kirkby Representatives
	R Tait and Miss Tait	Normanton Junior Academy Representatives
	E Swann	Sharlston Community School Representatives
	J Stefaniuk	Crofton Infants' School Representatives
	L Tutt	Lee Brigg Representatives
	S Mayman	Wrenthorpe Representatives
	T De Beer	Ackworth Mill Dam Representatives
<b>Clerk:</b>	K Newton	
<b>Apologies:</b>	No	

ITEM	ACTION
<p><b>1. Welcome, Introductions and Apologies</b></p> <p>Mr Dickinson welcomed everyone to the meeting. No apologies for absence.</p>	
<p><b>2. Review of the previous minutes</b></p> <p>The minutes were accepted as an accurate recording of the previous meeting.</p>	
<p><b>3. Deputy Prime Minister</b></p> <p>Ten children from across the Trust, put themselves forward for the role of Deputy Prime Minister.</p> <p>Prior to the meeting, candidates put together a video, stating why they thought they would make a good Deputy PM. Videos had been published on the Waterton website. Schools then had a voting week, where they watched the videos and voted for their preferred candidate. Votes were counted and Emma from South Kirkby Academy was elected.</p>	
<p><b>4. Election of Chair</b></p> <p>A mini election was held during the meeting. 18 children from across the Trust put themselves forward for the role of Chair. Every candidate had their opportunity to give a speech, as to why they would be a good Chairperson. Each candidate was numbered and only two representatives from each school voted by Ballot box to ensure fairness. Votes were counted and Chloe from Charlston Community School was announced as Chair.</p>	
<p><b>5. Lorraine Harrison</b></p> <p>Lorraine Harrison attended the meeting to talk about a book she has written called Red Snow. Lorraine explained that the story is about a 12-year-old girl, something bad happens and the girl needs to find out what that is.</p> <p>Lorraine talked about always wanting to become an author and how she went about writing her book. She spoke about plot books and how a plot book is designed to help children understand the difference between a plot and a story.</p> <p>Lorraine proposed running a competition, where the children would write plots for stories. Each school would choose a winner and then the 10 winners would be judged by a panel to find an overall winner, Lorraine would then write a story from the winning plot.</p> <p><b>Agreed:</b> Members of parliament considered the proposal and the competition was agreed unanimously.</p> <p><b>Action:</b> Lorraine is to discuss the competition with Mrs Simpkins.</p>	

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<b>6. Any other business</b>	
<p>A suggestion was made about writing Christmas stories, it was agreed that anyone wishing to write a Christmas story, poem or create a Christmas picture could submit them to <a href="mailto:newspaper@watertonacademytrust.org">newspaper@watertonacademytrust.org</a> and they would be published on the Trust website alongside the next edition of the Waterton News.</p> <p><b>Action: To send out a poster to each school.</b></p>	
<b>Date and venue of next meeting</b>	
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> January 2018 at Cherry Tree Academy	
<b>MEETING CLOSED</b>	