

Waterton Academy Trust
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Children's Parliament Meeting Minutes

DATE: Monday 1 st April 2019	TIME: 1pm	LOCATION: Normanton Common Primary Academy
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Present

Prime Minister:	Emma	South Kirkby Academy
Deputy Prime Minister:	Nicolas	Normanton Common Primary Academy
Chair:	Emily	Normanton Junior Academy
Attending:	Mr Dickinson	Waterton Academy Trust
	Miss De Beer	Representatives from Ackworth Mill Dam
	Mrs Hayes	Representatives from Cherry Tree Academy
	Mrs Conway	Representatives from Crofton Infants' School
	Mr Cochrane	Representatives from King's Meadow Academy
	Mrs Tutt	Representatives from Lee Brigg Infant & Nursery
	Miss Ho	Representatives from Normanton Common Primary Academy
	Mrs Wood & Mrs Reed	Representatives from Normanton Junior Academy
	Mrs Murray	Representatives from Sharlston Community School
	Miss Lodge	Representatives from South Kirkby Academy
	Mr Connellan	Representatives from Walton Primary Academy
	Mrs Hale	Representatives from Wrenthorpe Academy
	Clerk:	Mrs Newton
Apologies:	Zara (Chair)	Normanton Common Primary Academy
	Miss Fidler	Representatives from West-End Academy

ITEM		ACTION
1.	Welcome, Introductions and Apologies	
	Emily welcomed all to the meeting and everyone introduced themselves. Apologies were given from Zara (chair) NCPA and West End Academy.	
2.	Review of the Previous Minutes	
	The minutes were accepted as an accurate record of the previous meeting.	
3.	Mr Dickinson receives an OBE	
	Mr Dickinson shared his news of recently receiving an OBE from the Queen, for the recognition of his services to education.	
	Mr Dickinson travelled to London to attend an OBE ceremony at Buckingham	

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	Palace. He said that the ceremony was held in a special ballroom and the medal was presented to him by Prince Charles.	
4.	Waterton Musical Showcase 2019	
	<p>The musical showcase took place on Monday 11th February at the Wakefield Theatre Royal. Emily reported that everyone involved really enjoyed taking part. A DVD has been produced and a copy will be distributed to each school.</p> <p>Action: Ideas for next year's performance to be discussed in schools and ideas to be shared at the next meeting.</p>	SCH
5.	Update from Mr Biltcliffe	
	<p>Mr Dickinson provided an update on the proposed swimming gala. He had spoken to Ossett Academy who have agreed to let us use their swimming pool for the event. Mr Dickinson suggested holding the event in the Autumn term or early Spring.</p> <p>ACTION: School's to look into dates.</p>	SCH
6.	Budget Bids	
	<p>In the previous meeting it had been decided that the Parliament budget would be split equally between each school. Children had discussed in their school council meeting, how they would like to spend their £500 and the MP's shared their ideas. Wildlife benches / astro turf / space hoppers / a writing shed (to write, colour or read) / an outdoor play area / horse riding / keyboards.</p> <p>ACTION: MP's to bring their final proposal to the next meeting.</p>	SCH
7.	Update of The Pen Pal Scheme	
	<p>The Trust are managing the scheme at the moment, but are finding this difficult due to logistics. Mr Dickinson asked for recommendations of other ways of managing the scheme. Suggestions included, pairing school's together, pairing year groups or key stages, allotted curriculum time or as a piece of homework.</p> <p>ACTION: Trust to propose a schedule.</p>	WAT
8.	Year 6 Parliament Trip	
	<p>Potential tour dates were shared during the meeting. It was decided to go on a day where the children can experience the full tour. Mr Dickinson confirmed that the cost of the Trip would be funded by the Trust.</p> <p>ACTION: To check dates with schools to avoid any potential clashes. Mr Dickinson to take to the Headteacher's board.</p>	HT
9.	Future MP Numbers	
	<p>Reflections of how to reform Parliament: Confirmed by a show of hands it was agreed that the number of MP's should be reduced next year. Children voted for a full group of elected councillors to be maintained in schools and for two MP's from each school to attend the Parliament meetings, including only two from the host school. A schedule will be sent out to school's detailing the election of MP's. The Deputy Prime Minister and Chair will be elected through the MP cohort.</p>	
10.	Any Other Business	
	<p>As part of aspiration week at Cherry Tree Academy all the children thought about what they aspire to be and children wrote letters to people who do that job. Letters</p>	

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	<p>were sent to DJ's, England Roses RUFC, Zoo-Keepers, Teachers, vets, police, pilots, nurses and even Princess Kate and lots of children have received replies.</p> <p>An idea was suggested of having for example, Firefighters, Police Officers, Mechanics and other professionals to come into school.</p> <p>Wrenthorpe Academy had a sculptor in with a focus on recycling and cutting down on plastic pollution. An author came to Mill Dam and opened the new library, did a book signing and explained about story writing. Everyone agreed it would be a really nice idea to invite a local artist into school.</p> <p>ACTION: To go on the next meeting agenda, schools to provide a list of artists and bring to the meeting.</p>	WAT/ SCH
11.	Time/Date of the next meeting	
	TBC	

MEETING CLOSED

