



Waterton Academy Trust
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Waterton Academy Trust

Children's Parliament Meeting Minutes

DATE:

Monday 26th April, 2021

TIME:

12.30pm

LOCATION:

Virtual Meeting, Microsoft Teams

Present

Prime Ministers:	David (SKA)
	Oliver (NJA)
Chair	Mr Dickinson, Waterton Academy Trust
Attending:	Miss Carter Representatives from Walton Primary Academy
	Mrs Ho Representatives from Normanton Common Primary Academy
	Mrs Tait Representatives from Normanton Junior Academy
	Miss Gordon Representatives from Lee Brigg Infant & Nursery
	Mrs Dunderdale Representatives from Sharlston Community School
	Mrs Burton Representatives from South Kirkby Academy
	Mrs Mayman Representatives from Wrenthorpe Academy
	Mrs Hayes Representatives from Cherry Tree Academy
	Mrs Thompson Representatives from Mill Dam School
	Mr Mattison Representatives from King's Meadow Academy
	Miss Callaghan Representatives from West End Academy
	Mrs Bailey Representatives from Churchfield Primary Academy
Clerk:	Miss Davies, Waterton Academy Trust
Apologies:	
	Representatives from: Crofton Infants School, Miss Waring, Waterton Academy Trust

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1.	<p>Welcome, Introductions and Apologies</p> <p>Mr Dickinson welcomed all to the first virtual meeting of the Waterton Children's Parliament.</p> <p>ACTION: It was agreed that a new teams log-in should be created for each school, (e.g. wpa-parliament@watertonacademytrust.org) to simplify joining the meeting.</p> <p>Introductions were made by all representatives. The group were reminded that this year is a little unusual, with 2 Prime Ministers in position and no deputy Prime Minister.</p> <p>Apologies had been received from Crofton Infants' School, who hoped to join a little later in the meeting, and Miss Waring, who was on annual leave. It was explained that Miss Waring was new to the Trust, but that part of her job will be to attend Parliament meetings and to work with the group on making sure that events and ideas discussed here are planned and successful.</p>	JS

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<p>Mr Dickinson spoke to the group about the difficult year in schools during the pandemic, and said that in a usual year there would have been a chance for the Prime Ministers to visit schools and meet with the Headteachers' group. Instead, Mr Dickinson hoped to be able to arrange for a message from the Prime Ministers to be shared with schools, and to arrange a pub lunch to discuss plans and events.</p> <p>ACTION: A meeting to be arranged between Mr Dickinson, Oliver and David.</p> <p>ACTION: Later in the Summer term, a celebratory pub lunch to be arranged.</p>	
<p>2. Constitution Update</p>	
<p>For consistency, it was proposed that schools send the same 2 Parliament representatives to each meeting in the year. This means that the same children can attend and keep getting updates on events and ideas and can give feedback to their school.</p>	
<p>3. 2021/2022 Election Timetable</p>	
<p>As discussed, there is no current Deputy Prime Minister. It was therefore proposed that a Deputy and a Prime Minister be elected in the new school year. Miss Waring and Miss Davies had put together a plan which would mean the elections are completed before the first Parliament meeting of the new year in October.</p> <p>Proposal:</p> <p>Schools to elect school councillors by end of week 3</p> <p>Schools to choose MPs by end of week 4</p> <p>Any Deputy or Prime Minister candidates to be put forward by end of week 4</p> <p>Elections to take place week 5 and week 6</p> <p>Meeting to take place week 7</p> <p>VOTE: A majority of representatives agreed that school councillors could be elected by the end of week 3</p> <p>VOTE: A majority of representatives agreed that the Prime Minister and Deputy Prime Minister positions should be open to any school councillor, apart from Y6 children who can only apply to be Prime Minister.</p> <p>It was planned that there would be a combination of some virtual and some face to face meetings in the future.</p>	
<p>4. Trust Celebration Day</p>	
<p>A Governor had suggested that the Trust consider holding a Trust-wide celebration day, to celebrate everything that has been achieved in this difficult year. The Governors had agreed that the Children's Parliament should have a part in making plans for this.</p> <p>This would not necessarily be a day where all children from all schools are together, but instead a day where each school has a celebration at their own school.</p> <p>The group were asked for ideas, with the following suggestions made:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - We could use this day to raise some money for a Covid-related charity - Planting plants/seeds, to support the environment. - A bake sale. - Non-uniform day, with a £1 donation. 	

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - An art project, which could be across lots of schools with lots of smaller things being put together to create 1 big picture or poem. - A 'beat the teachers' day, where children challenge teachers to things they are good at. - Create a banner representing each school, and put them all together. - A run for life. - Children to bring in toys and games. <p>VOTE: A majority agreed that there should be a celebration day, to take place on the same day which will raise money for a Covid-related charity.</p> <p>ACTION: Representatives to discuss this with their schools, and via their Parliament Lead send in ideas to the Trust. Children to choose a charity at the next meeting.</p> <p>It was noted that it may be that each school does something different to celebrate.</p>	
<p>5. Trust Online Initiative</p> <p>In a year where face to face events and projects have not been possible, it was suggested that there could be a way to still have an online initiative.</p> <p>One idea put forward was to make an online document with video clips and pictures to show what children have achieved during lockdown.</p> <p>ACTION: Any ideas for online initiatives to be sent to the Trust.</p>	
<p>6. Well-being</p> <p>It was explained that Trust Governors, Headteachers and Trustees talk about well-being at their meetings, and that staff all have a well-being champion to talk to and support them.</p> <p>Mr Dickinson suggested that Children's Parliament should also talk about well-being, and that schools could also have a pupil well-being champion.</p> <p>VOTE: A majority agreed that each school should have a pupil well-being champion. This pupil will be one of the 2 MPs elected for each school, and will join together to be a well-being sub-committee of the Children's Parliament, with support from staff.</p>	
<p>7. Any Other Business</p> <p>Representatives at South Kirkby shared that they have been taking part in a Royal Mail design your own stamp competition, and suggested that other schools might like to do this too.</p> <p>ACTION: Details of the competition to be shared with all schools. Any entries to also be sent to the Trust, and Waterton will have an internal competition.</p>	
<p>8. Date of Next Meeting</p>	
<p>Thursday 17th June 2021, 12.30-2pm. Guidance will be checked closer to the time, and if possible this will be a face to face meeting at the new Centre for Excellence in Walton.</p>	