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## Waterton Academy Trust

### Children's Parliament Meeting Minutes

**DATE:**

Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> June, 2021

**TIME:**

1.00pm

**LOCATION:**

Normanton Junior Academy

**Present**

<b>Prime Ministers:</b>	David (SKA) (Virtual) Oliver (NJA)
<b>Chair</b>	Mr Dickinson, Waterton Academy Trust
<b>Attending:</b>	Representatives from Walton Primary Academy Representatives from Normanton Common Primary Academy Representatives from Normanton Junior Academy Representatives from Lee Brigg Infant & Nursery Representatives from Sharlston Community School Representatives from South Kirkby Academy ( <i>Virtual</i> ) Representatives from Wrenthorpe Academy Representatives from Cherry Tree Academy ( <i>Virtual</i> ) Representatives from Mill Dam School ( <i>Virtual</i> ) Representatives from King's Meadow Academy Representatives from West End Academy Representatives from Churchfield Primary Academy
<b>Clerk:</b>	Miss Davies, Waterton Academy Trust
<b>Apologies:</b>	Representatives from: Crofton Infants School, Normanton Common Primary Academy.

ITEM	ACTION
<b>1. Welcome, Introductions and Apologies</b>	
The CEO, Mr Dickinson began by welcoming everyone to the meeting.	
<b>2. Review of the Previous Minutes</b>	
The CEO and attendees reviewed the minutes of the previous meeting.	
All schools have been provided with a children's parliament email address to simplify attending virtual teams meetings.	
On the 20th of May 2021 the Prime Ministers' and CEO met to discuss and select the up coming children's Parliament events.	
Prime Ministers' and the CEO plan to attend a celebratory lunch at Waterton Park hotel on the 12th of July 2021.	

ITEM	ACTION
<p>The Trust online initiative shall be discussed today during this Parliament meeting.</p> <p>All schools were forwarded the competition information for the Royal Mail stamp competition and Waterton academy Trust stamp competition, submissions have been received and shall be reviewed in the coming weeks.</p> <p><b>ACTION:</b> Trust to review stamp competition entries.</p> <p>It was agreed that the minutes of the previous meeting at an accurate reflection.</p>	<p><b>DD</b></p>
<p><b>3. Trust Celebration Day</b></p>	
<p>The CEO acknowledged that restrictions have prevented Parliament events taking place that would commonly be conducted throughout the academic year. Despite the hardships of this year the CEO praised Prime Ministers' and representatives for their hard work and dedication.</p> <p>At the last Prime Ministers' and CEO meeting Prime Ministers' reviewed Parliament representatives contributions and decided upon a 'Waterton pebble art snake' for their Trust Celebration Day. Original plans entailed each child in the Waterton school to design and paint a pebble though it was acknowledged that logistically this would not be possible. Thus, to ensure that every child can participate a paper pebble template is to be completed by every Waterton child. Each school is to select two design winners these winners shall then transfer their paper design onto two pebbles each one of which will stay in school and the other shall be used as an art installation at the Trust headquarters the Centre for Excellence.</p> <p><b>ACTION:</b> Mrs Tait to forward pebble design template to Miss Waring.</p> <p><b>ACTION:</b> Miss Waring to forward template to Parliament email addresses.</p> <p>The Trust shall supply the winners with varnish, paint supplies and pebbles to decorate. This project is to be completed within the next 4 to 5 weeks to allow appropriate time to formulate the 'Waterton pebble snake' on the grounds of the Centre for Excellence.</p> <p><b>ACTION:</b> Mr Dickinson to source pebbles.</p> <p><b>ACTION:</b> Mr Dickinson to share Parliament decision with headteachers.</p>	<p><b>RT, GW</b></p> <p><b>GW</b></p> <p><b>DD</b></p> <p><b>DD</b></p>
<p><b>4. Trust Online Initiative</b></p>	
<p>The CEO continued that at the last Prime Ministers' and CEO meeting a decision was also reached surrounding the Trust online initiative. Waterton children are to be offered the opportunity to complete a piece of homework that presents a positive lockdown memory these will be combined by each school to create a SWAY page.</p>	

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<p><b>ACTION:</b> Miss Waring to forward online initiative instructions to parliament email addresses.</p> <p>Support has been offered by Normanton Junior Academy to complete this initiative.</p> <p><b>ACTION:</b> Mrs Tait to forward Miss Waring online link to SWAY page.</p> <p><b>ACTION:</b> Miss Waring to distribute link to Parliament email addresses.</p>	<p><b>GW</b></p> <p><b>RT, GW</b></p> <p><b>GW</b></p>
<p><b>5. Wellbeing Sub-Committee</b></p>	
<p>At the previous Children’s Parliament meeting it was suggested that a well-being subcommittee be created to discuss well-being matters. The CEO questioned attendees what they felt well-being meant. All in attendance were very aware of well-being and factors that form it. This sub-committee would be started in September and representatives would be elected at the first Children’s Parliament meeting in September as an agenda item. The CEO asked attendees their thoughts on forming a well-being subcommittee.</p> <p><b>VOTE:</b> all unanimously voted to form a well-being subcommittee.</p> <p><b>ACTION:</b> Miss Waring to add well-being subcommittee as an agenda item for the next Children’s Parliament meeting to in September.</p>	<p><b>GW</b></p>
<p><b>6. Sports Competition</b></p>	
<p>Next academic year Mr Dickinson wishes to begin a Trust wide sports competition with events to commence every term. All East Hub schools shall compete against each other and likewise all West Hub schools shall compete against each other. The winners of each Hub shall then come together to compete for the winning place.</p> <p>The Matlympics are also planned to commence again the next academic year.</p> <p>Mr Dickinson asked Parliament representatives to return to the school and ask fellow pupils what sport they would wish to see at the Trust wide sports competition. These ideas are then to be fed back to the headteacher by representstives for their headteachers meeting with the CEO.</p> <p>A query was raised as to what key stages this competition was open to it was advised that this competition shall be available for early years, KS1 and KS2 children.</p> <p>The CEO also asked those in attendance to think of how they wish the Matlympics next year to be designed and comunicate this information back to headteachers.</p>	
<p><b>7. Drama Society</b></p>	
<p>In previous years Wakefield Theatre has been used for parliament events though due to a change in ownership the use of this venue shall no longer be possible. Mr Dickinson revealed hopes of renovating the Normanton Junior</p>	

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<p>Academy stage, thus allowing this area to be used for Parliament events. The use of the Normanton Academy stage would allow Parliament more flexibility when holding events and also save on the costs of hiring a venue therefore allowing representatives to raise more money for children's Parliament.</p> <p>Mr Dickinson noted that following the renovation of the stage in summer term 2021/2022 plans were in place to create a drama society. It was explained that all children would be able to participate in this society and there would be an opportunity to write scripts and have lessons with a drama teacher.</p> <p>Attendees were asked to use their vote to express their opinion on this idea.</p> <p><b>VOTE:</b> the vote was unanimously in favour of creating a drama society</p>	
<p><b>8. Budget</b></p>	
<p>As in previous years, next years Children's Parliament budget shall be £3,000 to be shared amongst each school. Children were asked to begin thinking of ideas for how this money is to be used for September.</p>	
<p><b>9. End of Year Celebration</b></p>	
<p>Previous Children's Parliament celebratory events have included the 'Waterton's got talent', 'Musicals' and 'A Night at the Theatre'. Mr Dickinson asked attendees and the school council's to begin discussing what they would like to do for the following Waterton celebration 2021/2022 these ideas are to be discussed at the next children's Parliament meeting in September.</p>	
<p><b>10. Any Other Business</b></p>	
<p>It was queried what transport arrangements would be in place for the following year's Parliament events. It was advised that transport arrangements would be dependent on the size of the event and the number of attendees therefore sometimes school would arrange transport and in other cases the Trust would arrange transport.</p> <p>All attendees were thanked for attending the final Children's Parliament meeting of the year.</p>	
<p><b>11. Date of Next Meeting</b></p>	
<p>October (date TBC).</p>	

#### Actions Table

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