

Waterton Academy Trust

Children's Parliament Minutes

DATE:

 Tuesday 26th September 2017

TIME:

1pm

LOCATION:

Walton Primary Academy

PRESENT

Chair:	D Dickinson	
Prime Minister	Grace (Sharlston Community School)	
	M Barber	Cherry Tree Representatives
	A Wilde	Walton Representatives
	K Saville	Normanton Common Representatives
	F Lodge	South Kirkby Representatives
	D Wood and B Szymendera	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
	J Smith and S Crump	Ackworth Mill Dam Representatives
Clerk:	K Newton	
Apologies:	No	

ITEM	ACTION
1. Welcome, Introductions and Apologies	
<p>Mr Dickinson welcomed everyone to the meeting. He introduced Grace as the children's parliament new Prime Minister. No apologies for absence.</p>	
2. Introduction to the role of Parliament	
<p>Mr Dickinson explained that the children are Members of Parliament, who now have a responsibility to make a difference to their school and class and other schools within the Trust. Mr Dickinson clarified that being a Member of Parliament was to implement ideas and make things happen; he explained that the Members of Parliament are representing their constituents and that this is the 2600 pupils across the Trust.</p>	
3. Election Arrangements	
3.1 <i>The role of Deputy Prime Minister</i>	
<p>The Children's Parliament is now looking to elect a Deputy Prime Minister.</p> <p>The Deputy Prime Ministers role is to stand in if the Prime Minister cannot attend a meeting. Be part of the Senior Leadership Team alongside the Prime Minister and the Chair, attend the Headteachers Board and to deliver a speech in assembly, at each school in the Trust. The Deputy Prime Minister must be in Year 5, as the DPM will become PM in Year 6.</p> <p><i>Voting arrangements for Deputy Prime Minister</i></p> <p>Mr Dickinson explained that last year the candidates put together a video, stating why they think they would make a good Deputy Prime Minister. Ballot boxes were provided and in voting week, children watched the videos in class and voted using voting slips. It was agreed to vote in the same way this year.</p> <p>Action: To set deadlines, arrange for candidates to produce videos, circulate permission letters, publish the videos on the Trust website, collate votes and announce the successful candidate.</p>	
3.2 <i>The role of Chair</i>	
<p>The Chair needs to be organised, ensuring the Parliament meetings run smoothly, following the agenda, checking the minutes, making sure that actions are carried out. The Chair will be part of the SLT, and will attend the Headteachers Board and deliver speeches in assemblies at each school in the Trust.</p> <p>Grace went on to explain that the SLT is the Senior Leadership Team and is made up of Prime Minister, Deputy Prime Minister and Chair.</p> <p><i>Voting arrangements for Chair</i></p>	

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<p>A member of Parliament proposed that the candidates put an idea forward and present it at the meeting. Another suggestion was to have one person that knows the candidate well, who could tell everyone what the candidate is like. Another proposal was to write and deliver a speech.</p> <p>Agreed: Any interested children will be invited to the next meeting and a mini election will be held. Candidates are to give a speech and the children are to vote by ballot box to ensure anonymity. Candidates for Chair can be from Year 3 upwards.</p> <p>Action: Candidates for Chair are to deliver a speech at the next parliament meeting, votes will be counted and the new Chair will be announced at the meeting.</p>	
<p>4. Houses of Parliament Trip</p>	
<p>Unfortunately, the Trip on the 13th October had to be postponed. It was agreed that another trip would be arranged for late spring, early summer for current Year 6 councillors and the last year 6 councillors would be invited.</p> <p>Action: To arrange a new date for the trip.</p>	
<p>5. Newspaper update</p>	
<p>The first edition of Waterton News produced by Walton Primary Academy and Normanton Common Primary Academy is on the Waterton Academy Trust website. The next schools to pair up are South Kirkby Academy and Crofton Infants.</p> <p>Action: To send all Newspaper information to SKA and Crofton, as they are to collaborate to produce the next edition.</p>	
<p>6. Waterton's Got Talent</p>	
<p>Mr Dickinson announced that a date has been booked and Waterton's Got Talent will take place at Wakefield Theatre Royal on Tuesday 6th March 2018. Mr Dickinson said that talent comes in many forms, and acts may include, comedians, jugglers, dance troops, and singers for example. The children suggested a host/compare, like little Ant and Dec, introducing acts. It was suggested that the SLT might like to do this.</p> <p>Agreed: Regional heats are to be completed in schools. Two acts are to be chosen from each school to perform at Wakefield Theatre Royal. Due to seating restrictions, no more than twelve children can perform from each school. Heats to be completed by Friday 2nd February.</p>	

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7 Any other business	
7.1 Girls Football A suggestion brought to parliament was to have a girl's football team/tournament. Action: Mrs Tutt is attending the PE meeting, taking place Wednesday 27th September, she will find out what tournaments are taking place this year and feedback at the next meeting.	
7.2 Halloween Stories A suggestion was made about writing Halloween stories, it was agreed that anyone who would like to write a Halloween story could submit them and they would be published on the Trust website. Action: To send out a poster to each school.	
7.3 Waterton play – drama festival Some children would like to be part of a play, it was agreed that the third year at Wakefield Theatre Royal, children could perform in a Waterton play – drama festival.	
8. Date of next meeting	
Monday 13 th November – Wrenthorpe Academy	
MEETING CLOSED	