

Waterton Academy Trust

Children's Parliament Minutes

DATE:

 Monday 10th July 2017

TIME:

1pm

LOCATION:

Lee Brigg Nursery & Infant School

PRESENT

Chair:	Iona (Sharlston Community School)	
Prime Minister	Bradleigh (Normanton Junior Academy)	
Deputy Prime Minister	Grace (Sharlston Community School)	
	G Bishop	WAT Representative
	A O'Dowd	Walton Representatives
	L Cavell	Normanton Common Representatives
	F Lodge	South Kirkby Representatives
	R Tait and D Wood	Normanton Junior Academy Representatives
	E Swann	Sharlston Community School Representatives
	S Allen and G Simpson	Crofton Infants' School Representatives
	L Tutt	Lee Brigg Representatives

Clerk:	K Newton
Apologies:	Yes

ITEM	ACTION
1. Welcome, Introductions and Apologies	
Iona H welcomed all to the meeting. Apologies were received and accepted for Mr Dickinson Mr Bishop attended the meeting as the WAT representative.	
2. Minutes of the previous meeting	
<p>ACTION points:</p> <p><i>3 SLT assemblies</i> To send scripts to SLT, for them to read and/or amend appropriately.</p> <p><i>4 Houses of Parliament Trip</i> To organise transport and find out if we are eligible for travel subsidy. To collate information about current Y6 councillors and contact secondary schools to gain permission.</p> <p><i>6 WAT Newspaper</i> To send out a newspaper template to Walton and NCPA and to distribute the proposal for content to both schools.</p> <p><i>8 Art Network Group</i> RT to give an update on the art network group, regarding dates, logistics and order of tour.</p> <p><i>9 Poetry/Illustration book</i> To create the book in a compatible format, so that it can be uploaded onto the website and converted into an eBook.</p> <p>The minutes were accepted as an accurate record of the last meeting.</p>	

3. Children's safeguarding policy	
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	<p><i>Child-friendly Safeguarding poster</i></p> <p>The Headteachers have suggested that it is good practice for schools to have a child-friendly safeguarding poster, with input from the children.</p> <p>Mr Bishop showed the children an example of a child-friendly safeguarding poster. He gave examples of safeguarding in schools such as, adults signing in and wearing identification badges. He spoke about Childline and how staff give help and advice and that people from Childline may sometimes visit schools and give assemblies. Mr Bishop explained that any child can ring the Childline number if they felt worried about something in or out of school.</p> <p>Iona asked the children to vote with a show of hands, if they thought it was useful and an important document to have in school. All agreed.</p> <p>Action: Task all safeguarding leads to produce their own safeguarding poster in school, relevant to their school and age appropriate.</p>	
4.	<p>Houses of Parliament Trip</p> <p>The trip is booked for Friday 13th October however; unfortunately, some staff members would be unable to attend on this day.</p> <p>Action: Mrs Newton will contact the Houses of Parliament and try to arrange an alternative date.</p>	
5.	<p>Maths Competition</p> <p>Mr Bishop made a proposal of a maths competition, calling all mathematicians from all schools in the Trust. The idea is to have maths competitions in each school, for example, times table competitions, and then bring everyone together for a maths battle. A suggestion was made that adults could be included, calling the battle something like 'beat the teacher'.</p> <p>Action: Maths leaders from all schools will work together to set up the maths competition, taking age range and abilities into account.</p>	
6.	<p>Election of the new Chair and Deputy Prime Minister</p> <p>Iona reminded everyone that as Grace is Deputy Prime Minister she will become Prime Minister in September and will need a deputy. She explained that in September, any Year 5 councillor wishing to be elected as Deputy Prime Minister would need to submit a video explaining why they would be a good DPM. Ballot boxes will be provided in schools and children will watch the videos and vote on who they think is the best candidate.</p> <p>A new chair will be elected next year, the process this year was that every Year 6 councillor who wanted to be Chair gave a speech in the meeting. All the candidates then left the room and the children in the meeting voted by a show of hands.</p>	

	Action: To set new meeting dates and circulate.	
7.	Overview of achievements this year	
	Mr Bishop spoke about what Parliament has achieved this year. The music event, poetry and illustration competition. He talked about sporting events that have taken place, some members of parliament told everyone about events they had personally attended, for example, football, scatterball, quick cricket and a representative from NCPA had been a referee in bench ball.	
8.	Thank you to Parliament	
	Mr Bishop thanked all school councillors and members of parliament for their involvement in the Children's Parliament. He thanked Grace for her term as Deputy Prime Minister. He also thanked Iona for her term as chair and Bradleigh for his term as Prime Minister and wished them luck in moving to Year 7.	
9.	Any other business	

<p>9.1</p> <p>9.2</p> <p>9.3</p> <p>9.4</p>	<p><i>Art Network Group</i> Mrs Tait gave an update, the artwork has been on tour around the schools and is at Normanton Common Primary Academy next week, some schools are to display their own artwork in the entrance when it returns to them.</p> <p>It was agreed the the Art Network will continue next year and build on the Artwork project. A request was made to have one piece of art from each school for each half term, as this would be more convenient for smaller schools and easier to transport.</p> <p><i>End of year party</i> It was proposed that all school councillors could get together and have an end of year party. It was agreed that the parties could not happen this year, due to the short time we have left before the summer holidays, and that most schools would be busy with graduations and leavers assemblies.</p> <p><i>Bonding experience</i> Another suggestion for next year is that some kind of bonding experience could be arranged possibly Kingswood, or within school grounds with Forest schools and have a picnic.</p> <p><i>MATlympics</i> MATlympics has been rearranged for 20th September, some members of staff felt that this was too early in the year because children would still be settling into their new classes. It was agreed that a more suitable date would be Easter time after SATs.</p> <p>Action: To speak to Mr Biltcliffe about rearranging.</p>	
<p>10.</p>	<p>Date of next meeting To be confirmed.</p>	

MEETING CLOSED