

Minutes of the Children's Parliament Meeting

Monday 6th February 2017, South Kirkby Academy, 1pm

Attendance:

Bradley N, NJA (Prime Minister), Grace F, SCS (Deputy Prime Minister) and Iona H, SCS (Chair).
Dave Dickinson (Waterton Academy Trust), Faye Lodge (hosting) with representatives from South Kirkby Academy, representatives from Sharlston Community School (accompanied by Emma Swann), representatives from Normanton Junior Academy (accompanied by Rachel Tait and Denise Wood), representatives from Normanton Common Primary Academy (accompanied by Jon Salway), representatives from Walton Primary Academy (accompanied by Amy O'Dowd), representatives from Crofton Infant's School (accompanied by Sarah Allen) and representatives from Lee Brigg Infant and Nursery school (accompanied by Lindsay Tutt).

Secretary: K Newton (Waterton Academy Trust)

1. Welcome

DD introduced IH as chair and supported IH throughout the meeting. IH welcomed all members.

2. Parliament Senior Leadership Team

It was agreed that the Children's Parliament SLT would introduce themselves at the next Headteacher's meeting, to speak about the Children's Parliament and their roles as SLT. Arrangements will then be made for the SLT, to visit all the schools in the Trust and talk in assembly about Children's Parliament.

Action: KN to make arrangements for the SLT to visit the Headteacher's Board and schools.

3. Poetry Illustration Voting

All the illustration competition entries had been collated and were presented to the children as a slide show. Children and staff members read out each poem. Every child then decided which illustration they thought was the best interpretation of the poem and circled the corresponding picture. All votes were then collected and it was agreed that the winners would be announced at the next parliament meeting.

Action: KN to count votes and bring results to the next meeting.

Action: KN to bring a mocked up version of the book to the next meeting.

4. Events

4.1 Music Evening

Iona gave positive feedback about the Waterton music event. A videographer was present on the evening and a DVD of the performance has been produced. Parents and carers have the opportunity to purchase the DVD. DVDs will be sold through the schools at a cost of £3.00.

ACTION: Letters to be sent out about the DVD.

4.2 Houses of Parliament Trip

FL brought her findings to the meeting, the trip to London would cost around £2000 for a same day, return journey for a total of 100 people. DD said that he had spoken to MP Yvette Cooper about the Children's Parliament. FL believed if Yvette could go on the trip it would bring the costs down.

FL showed the children different workshops that they could choose to go on and the Story of Parliament Film and Tour was agreed.

DD opened a discussion around limited numbers. Some members of staff had raised concerns about taking younger children. LT made a suggestion that only Key Stage 2 should go on the trip. DD proposed year 5 + 6. One child suggested year 6 only. The children voted by a show of hands. Year 6 only was agreed.

As the trip would be organised for next year, DD recommended that we contact feeder schools, to enquire if the current year 6 pupils who are in the school council now, would be able to go on the Parliament trip next year.

ACTION: KN to contact schools to establish if this would be feasible.

ACTION: KN to find out the numbers for FL of every year 6 councillor.

ACTION: FL to confirm the date in October with KN

ACTION: DD to ask Yvette Cooper to attend a Parliament meeting in the summer.

4.3 MAT Summer festival

DD spoke about the summer festival at the last HT board. The Headteacher's thought it was a lot to achieve this summer due to safeguarding. They like the idea, however would like to defer until summer 2018, allowing more time to plan.

4.4 Art Project

Another suggestion from the Children's Parliament was that children would generate art which would initially be displayed at Trust central offices, then toured around schools. RT is in the process of creating an Art Network Group they will discuss themes and time frames.

ACTION: RT to set ANG up for the next Parliament meeting and have a plan to take back to HT.

5. A.O.B

A child from Walton suggested that it would be useful for all schools to use a cashless payment system, such as the parent pay system that Walton Primary currently use.

ACTION: DD to bring the suggestion to HT board.

A child from Normanton Common Primary Academy, said that their school council had discussed creating a newspaper that could be on the Trust website, with each school having their own page. Everyone agreed they would like to do this.

Action: DD to take to the HT Board.

Date of the next meeting

Monday 27th March 2017 at Normanton Common Primary Academy at 1pm