



Sunnydown School Council – Minutes of Meetings

Date: Tuesday 10th March 2020

Discussions this week:

- The boys mentioned having a Diversity Club which would be run by Mrs Austin. Everyone thought this was a good idea as it is important to have support if you are in a minority group, whether it be racial, sexual or religious. It's all about feeling included and welcome.
Note from Mr Jensen – This is a welcome suggestion. We do after all strive to adhere to the British Values.

- A question was asked about replacing Communication lessons with History lessons. Mr Lord explained that we are a CoIN school which means our pupils have a communication or interaction need so Communication lessons are very important for some pupils. Mr Lord suggested that the School Council could do a curriculum audit with him.

- A question was asked about why pupils have to wear school uniform on Fridays, even when they are going out on a trip that requires a change of clothes. It was explained by Cameron Castle that this stops mud, etc being walked through the school if the pupils have been on an outward bounds trip and so that they had dry clothes.
Note from Mr Jensen – Wearing a uniform also develops a sense of belonging which is very important. There are also health and Safety, and Safeguarding considerations which make it sensible to be wearing uniform at these times. The school community also arrive and depart in an orderly way.

- The fire alarm in Forest View was mentioned again as being too quiet. Mr Lord said this is still being looked into.
Note from Mr Jensen – Perhaps Mrs Rogers and Mr Wort could be invited to the next student council meeting to discuss?

- **Could we bring back inter-house chess? A member of the Council will speak to Mr Wright. Note from Mr Jensen – As soon as the roof is on the outdoor chess set, and the pieces are purchased, an outdoor tournament will be added to the House events calendar as well. Perhaps a request to FoS could be made for a good set of large outdoor chess pieces?**
- **Regarding the banner suggestion from Cameron from last week, he will be investigating materials and suppliers with Mrs Gower in the school office. Mr Lord also mentioned that the area around the pond has been split into four sections so in the Summer, these sections could be planted with flowers in house colours.**

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