

School Council information for WEBSITE
School Council Meetings 2021-2022

Meeting I: 21st September 2022

You said	We did
One way system in D Block is causing congestion	Humanities teachers on the top floor were asked to release all class 2 minutes early from lessons to ensure the can clear the corridor and stairs to prevent congestion.
There are various maintenance issues on site.	These were shared with Mrs Draycott and a list of issues presented to the site team who repaired many of these during the half term holidays
How we should celebrate Black History Month	Your ideas were collated to produce a very successful Black History Month assembly that the whole school received. It is also now on the Barr Beacon Twitter page and website and was mentioned in the termly Matrix Academy Trust newsletter also.
The spraying of deodorant in the changing rooms is a problem	All members of Performing Arts staff were reminded by Mrs Draycott the seriousness of pupils spraying deodorant and how to deal with any instances of pupils spraying. This was followed up with a reminder e-mail and mentioned to all staff in our weekly staff briefing. Leadership have carried out spot searches of tutor groups and confiscated a large number of deodorants.
Can there be lockers in the Sixth Form Common Room?	Having consulted with Mrs Osborne and Ms Draycott the cost is prohibitive. It would be £5000 for a suite of lockers in the Sixth Form common room and this is too costly.

Meeting II-2nd November 2021

You said	We did
Can we support the 2021 Poppy Day appeal?	16 School Councillors signed up and delivered poppies to every form between 4 th and 12 th November 2021.
Homework survey- School Council had their say on homework.	The School Council provided 79 responses. Well done! Mr Foster has sent this to Mrs McLaurie who is in charge of homework and this will be shared with staff and used to help develop our practice.
Wi-Fi in C block is not functioning	IT Support called in Mr Palmer from the central MAT office. This is now resolved.
You have concerns about litter in some toilets.	The main toilets are being monitored. Leadership are visiting toilets more regularly and have been instructed by Mrs Draycott to do so.
You asked for a salad bar in bistro	This has been in place as a trial for the last week. Please use this or it will disappear if underused.

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You had an idea about a suggestion/worry box in form classes	Pupils are able and encouraged to contact our postbox@barrbeaconschool.co.uk address with any concerns. This has been the case for a while and we have since publicised it again. Any School Council matters can be e-mailed directly to Mr Foster.
You would like us to hold another 'Beacon's Got Talent' event	This event is scheduled to take place in May with auditions in late April.

Meeting III- 30th November 2021

You said	We did
<p>ACE packs- not received yet- Miss Dutton.</p> <p>Equality club- do we have one still? If not why not?</p> <p>Menu near the doors to the hall and bistro</p> <p>Broken taps girls bistro toilets.</p> <p>Grit and salt on one pathway.</p> <p>Please update menu on website as it says a different menu to the ones we have.</p> <p>Bus etiquette and safety message should be resent to tutors.</p>	<p>Miss Dutton has urged any pupil who has not yet received these to contact her directly in E202. Many already have since the meeting.</p> <p>Equality club takes place Thursday evenings and all years are welcome. B113 Miss Collins</p> <p>This has been actioned in Hall. Bistro to follow.</p> <p>School site was trawled for issues during Christmas break and repairs were made.</p> <p>Site team are patrolling the site each morning with leadership to lay rock salt on required areas. This will continue until Spring.</p> <p>Please recheck- it should now be correct. Occasionally supply issues are to blame for this.</p> <p>Reminders sent by Mr Foster prior to Christmas break.</p>
<p>You had your say on our Careers offer (Miss Killick)</p> <p>You supported Extra-Curricular activities by competing our survey (Mrs McLaurie)</p>	<p>Thank you for the feedback. Miss Killick has written an action plan based on your feedback and presented careers initiatives to school staff this last week.</p> <p>Your feedback has been excellent and Miss McLaurie asked me to thank you for it.</p>

Meeting IV- 18th January 2022

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<p>For LGBTQ+ History Month the School Council should provide tutor time activities- Flags and a Questionnaire. School Council will also plan the LGBTQ+ Assemblies</p>	<p>A brilliant quiz was produced and completed by pupils (and some staff) Flags adorn many doors and notice boards in the school and featured in a tweet that was retweeted by the founders of LGBT History Month Three members of school council submitted their contributions and these were used to collate an assembly received by the entirety of KS3 and KS4.</p>
<p>Can we have some more Lateral flow testing kits as we are running low.</p>	<p>Boxes were circulated to pupils- Will update school council on plans, as likely government will reduce need to isolate soon and potentially could be an end to regular testing. Currently advice remains for pupils to test weekly.</p>
<p>Can we look into an astro turf pitch for our School?</p>	<p>This was discussed at leadership level but this would prove very expensive and is not a school priority currently as we look to save towards another new building like B-block.</p>

Meeting V- 15th February 2022

You said	We did
<p>The grass by A-Block is not safe. Slippy and muddy. People have slipped over. Are there plans to replant grass?</p>	<p>We reduced the foot traffic to the area by not using this area as an exit from the main school hall during poor weather. This has alleviated the problem as we look to replant this area during the Spring and Summer term.</p>
<p>D Block blinds in a bad state, missing, covers the board in light and gets in your eyes hard to concentrate in lessons.</p>	<p>A programme is in place to address this, and the first phase of this will take place during half term. MFL rooms are having a reflective film applied to the windows, which cuts down glare. This is also present in Block B and works well.</p>
<p>Girls Bistro toilets- the doors jam.</p>	<p>This was looked into and addressed by the Site Team</p>
<p>Hole in grass by the doors of A block when you enter from the grass. Someone could turn ankle easily.</p>	<p>The area has been checked and a hole was not found. However, a hollow by the area was present but on assessment does not present an issue. We are trying to limit traffic in this area.</p>
<p>Near bistro there are unstable concrete slabs also in the area by the huge steps by the bike sheds.</p>	<p>The site team will investigate this and make repairs where possible. During the winter months, repairs are carried out however, due to the weather conditions / rain they do not fix in position. The site team are aware and will action this as soon as possible.</p>

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Amphitheatre steps are uneven and the steps from Quad to D Block has lose slabs.	Loose slabs are actioned and coned off as soon as possible. Repairs to the area have been carried out as soon as reasonable practical.
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Meeting VI- 15th March 2022

You Said	We Did
You gave a comprehensive list of books for Mr Waldron to purchase for the icentre	So far £223 has been spent on new stock for the icentre using your suggestions.
You gave your feedback on our new PE Kit and School Uniform.	Mrs Hibbs has collated your comments and is using them to plan for next year. For example, by looking into way to make the trousers and skirts a little more affordable.
Bistro food prices are going up and some people don't have a lot of money to spend so could we talk about that.	There has been no price rises for at least 8 years even though inflation has gone up and things cost more outside of school. With the changes to petrol prices, taxation and increased food prices it was a change forced upon many schools and not just Barr Beacon.
Why do you seat us in the bistro?	Space in venues is limited. We need to seat all pupils so lunch sittings are safe and comfortable for all. Leadership have been asked by Ms Draycott to ensure all pupils are sat with at least one friend.
Beacon's Got Talent date?	25 th May 2022 is now confirmed as the date for Beacon's Got Talent.
What re the plans for pupils fasting for Ramadan?	Areas of the Hall and Bistro away from pupils eating and the actually serving counters have been set up and reserved for those fasting.
School Councillor volunteered to make a PowerPoint presentation for Ramadhan to help educate people who don't know much about Ramadhan.	This has been submitted to Mr Foster for checking and was sent out to tutors to present to their forms at the beginning of the new term prior to Eid Ul-Fitr.
Miss Dutton requires plastic bottles for an art installation designed for charity to support Ukrainian people.	This was shared across the school and large quantities of bottles are currently being used to create the installation.

Meeting VII- 26th April 2022

You said	We did
Select members of the School Council volunteered to plan resources for an assembly to support refugee week. Other members volunteered to narrate the assembly. We collaboratively planned the structure of this assembly and allocated jobs to volunteers.	The assembly resources have been submitted by members of the School Council and collated by Mr Foster. Further actions include narration of the slides and distribution to Form Tutors. This is to happen by WB 20 th June 2022.

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<p>Beacon's Got Talent finals night. You asked for further information about the running order of the night and whether tickets could be purchased on the door.</p> <p>School Council were asked to promote ticket sales to their tutor groups.</p>	<p>Key information including running order, judges, timings and cost of the event were shared with the School Council.</p> <p>Having listened to your views about selling tickets on the door we put together a cash float to enable tickets to be purchased at the door on the night of the event.</p> <p>The event was promoted by the School Council and well attended.</p>
<p>Can pupils leave the bistro with food they have purchased during break time</p>	<p>Due to our Beacon Value of 'Consideration for the Environment' this is not a change we can make due to the litter it would generate on the school site.</p>
<p>Can the School Council propose charity events.</p>	<p>We encouraged all School Councillors to put together charity proposals at anytime for Mr Foster to discuss with Leadership.</p>

Meeting VIII- 17th May 2022

You said	We did
<p>You gave us your suggestions and ideas about the quality of food and service in our Bistro.</p>	<p>We are ensuring that all service counters have the ability to serve main meals and break time snack items when break times and lunchtimes are busier to shorten queues.</p> <p>Allergy advice is prominently displayed.</p> <p>Menus are being continually updated based on your suggestions.</p>
<p>You gave us your advice and the pros and cons of our new experiment of arranging movement around D block.</p>	<p>Because of your advice we have tweaked the one way system to alleviate traffic on the central staircase of D Block. All Humanities teachers have been reminded of their release times for classes.</p>
<p>You gave your opinions on the use of year group specific gates in the mornings.</p>	<p>We will keep year group specific gates as you requested as it reduces congestion, makes younger pupils feel safer and is practical and efficient.</p> <p>We will begin to allow pupils who arrive on school buses to use the bus bay gates at your request.</p>