

School Council meeting I- 27th September 2023:

Attendees from forms: 12W1, 12B1, 12C1, 13B1, 11C1, 10C1, 10B1, 10M1, 10B2, 10W1, 10W2, 9M1, 9M2, 9W1, 9C1, 9B1, 8C2, 8C1, 8B2, 8M2, 8W1, 7C3, 7B1, 7C1, 7C2, 7B2,

Minutes: Miss A Majid 12W1

Chair: Mr S Foster

Reflecting on last year

You said:	We Did:
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Toilets in Bistro area are dark, smelly old and cramped	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Toilets completely redesigned to be open plan, safer, cleaner, lighter- School Council suggestions and information helpful. Plans for toilets shared with School Council in advance of implementation.
<ul style="list-style-type: none">We would like to continue to champion the Beacon Value "Equal to everyone"	<ul style="list-style-type: none">School councillors planned and delivered assemblies that focused on – LGBTQ+; Black History Month, Ramadan, Diwali, Raised issues over humanitarian crises such as the floods in Pakistan. School has a plan in place for a Diversity Day this academic year 2023-2024.
<ul style="list-style-type: none">We should reducing costs of school uniform	<ul style="list-style-type: none">No longer a requirement for Barr Beacon branded sports kit, trousers and skirts in school. No expectation for pupils to have names embroidered on PE kit.
<ul style="list-style-type: none">You asked for new books for the icentre	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Over £700 spent on new stock in the icentre using your book title suggestions.



<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bistro – suggestions over new foods, sauces, dips and cereals etc. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The bistro now sells a wide range of cereals and other breakfast items each morning and breaktime. Lunch time menus have introduced elements of choice in the sauces and condiments available in addition to guest menus for special events such as Black History Month.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> You gave feedback about topics and teaching styles you would like to see in PSHE 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> PSHE curriculum has been changed this year and has taken our feedback into consideration.

What are our expectations?

Essential	Desirable
Strong communication skills	Previous leadership experience
Good attendance record	Active in local community – involved in service to others
Positive behaviour and attitude	Exemplifies all Beacon Values at all times.
Positive role model	
Good organisational skills	
Commitment to the role in extracurricular time.	



Praise points- your thoughts.

- The idea of changing praise points into vouchers was popular but request these are online vouchers not instore as most shopping they do is online now.
- Make it explicit when receiving a praise point
- One idea was turning praise points into meal deals – however not everyone has school meals so it was still thought that vouchers would be better
- The more praise points you have the more things you can have e.g. stationary shop where you trade praise points for items
- Idea raised that perhaps praise points could be linked to reward trips eg. Ninja warriors etc.
- One councillor noted a good practice in Miss Wild's form where they spin a wheel for a prize each week for those who have a certain number of praise points.
- Councillors asked how they felt about having their names announced once they reached a milestone – publicly praised? – 13 for, 13 against – those against were so because of their embarrassment at having a photo or standing up in assembly

Action: Mr Foster to share praise feedback.

Any other business

- Many wished to give ideas on Bistro menus such as a sugar free waffles with a choice of sauce

Action: To schedule a slot for Matrix Academy Trust Catering to speak to School Councillors and hear their thoughts and ideas.

- Remembrance event – pupils who participate in Scouts, RAF, etc, to come in uniform –

Action: Mr Foster to speak to Staff Doble.

Action: Leadership are undertaking tutor group drop ins.

- Culture day – incorporated into school and Beacon values and not just one-off thing otherwise it doesn't hold as much importance. The school already have a day planned this academic year.

Action: Beacon Values meeting on 4th October 2023 will be an opportunity for councillors to break out into sub committees and plan proposals such as this.

- Period 6 for subjects to allow more time for help/revision

Action: Period 6 is about to commence for Y11.

- Councillor queried whether clubs could happen at break/lunch? – Chair responded that teachers and venues are unavailable at these times due to split breaks and lunches



Agenda for next meeting on 22nd November 2023:

- icentre – Mrs Garrett- books you'd like to see/ icentre services/ Promotion of icentre services and opening times to share with forms.
- Bistro – Mrs McKie- your feedback and suggestions.
- Careers events- Miss Killick- your feedback.

Requests for next meeting:

- Room change due to drum workshops nearby- meeting to move to D305
- Change meeting day for those in clubs/CCF- change of day for December meeting.

