

School Council Meeting II- Wednesday 22nd November 2023

Minutes: 7C2

Chair: Mr S Foster

Present: 7C1; 7C2; 8M1; 10B2; 10W1; 10M1; 10C1; 13B1; 12W1; Mrs McKie; Miss Killick.

1. You said, we did:

You said...	We did...
Praise system could be amended and new badges/awards produced.	New praise system is in place that has acted on advice given in meeting I by the School Council.
Pupils not in Barr Beacon CCF should be able to parade in uniforms of groups they attend outside of school such as Guides, Scouts, Sea cadets on Remembrance Day.	Letters were sent home to parents offering this opportunity and pupils took this up and paraded on Remembrance Day.
You wanted the opportunity to speak to our catering manager about your ideas for the Bistro menu and other questions you had.	Today's meeting will include time to put your ideas and questions to our catering manager.

2. Careers discussion: Miss Killick

- Career aspirations of councillors shared by council members.
- Councillors share what inspired them to pursue their desired career
 - Media
 - Cadets
 - PSHE
 - Teachers
- What do they remember about careers events?
 - Careers fair
 - PSHE
 - Take child to work day
 - Start profiles
 - Visiting speakers
- Most useful to them?

Councillors said careers fair as everything in one place and could actually speak to people from the Unis/Courses/Careers who know everything I ned to know about it.

- What options post 16 are you aware of?

Councillors were aware of apprenticeships/T Levels/A Levels/ Diplomas etc.

- Do teachers link learning to careers?



Some faculties doing this more frequently than others and examples were shared.

- Was 'Take your child to work day' a good experience.
- Pupils very positive and shared experiences. Y7 said they would like the opportunity in the future.
- What would pupils like more of?
- More options to do further work experience. Over a week maybe rather than a day.
- START profile usage was discussed. Do they log their experiences?
- Pupils say they use it when required but don't habitually update it. Could arrange computer rooms more frequently during form time so that pupils can update.

3. Catering at Barr Beacon School: Mrs McKie

- Pupils briefed on catering across the trust and the need for compliance with standards eg. No waffles/sausage rolls. Healthy school.
- Pupils shared eating habits
- Councillors overwhelmingly pleased with the menu on offer but said that they could have more variety.
- Councillors asked why zingy burgers haven't been served as advertised. This was due to the two theme days.

Best thing about new menu? Councillors replied:

- Theme days
- Pizza has improved and pupils like how cheesy it is. This is due to mozzarella and cheddar mix.
- Zingy Burgers are a big favourite.
- Cakes were popular with the pupils.
- One of the things School Councillors lobbied for was return of the salad bar. They really like this but didn't realise that you can add a small amount to a main meal deal free of charge.
- Flapjacks are popular.

Do you know where to find the menu?

- Councillors confirmed and could explain where to find these.

Thoughts on the 4 week menu?

- Pupils were comfortable with this instead of the two week.



What don't pupils like?

- Chinese curry
- Pupils want spaghetti but cooking of it for mass is difficult and pupils wear white shirts... pasta easier to serve, cook and eat.
- Time to get served sometimes- pupils explained that we are changing till systems and we are getting used to them. This will now speed up.
- Pupils asked about going into negative balances - explained that they can have a sandwich if in negative balance as we will feed all pupils at lunch.
- Pupils concerned about top ups not going on their account and problems paying. New system in place and this is more reliable. Catering can now check if top ups waiting to process.

What do you want more:

- All day breakfasts
- Themed days linked to food around the world.

Allergies:

- New system prevents pupils being served food if they have an allergy - automatic computer generated response.
- This is new this week.

AOB:

- Councillors shared some site repair issues.

