

## SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING : Friday 15<sup>th</sup> July 2022

**Attending:** Councillors from Years 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6

Mr Scott

Mrs Paul

Welcome – talked about not having had meeting for a while and thanks for being patient in a year when we haven't been able to address School Council ideas as much as we would have liked. Mrs Paul proposed that all current school councillors remain on the team for the autumn term 2022-23.

### 1. School Council Books

Mrs Paul will set up School Council books for each year group so that the councillors can record ideas/suggestions and feedback from the class to bring to the meeting – and to record answers. Mrs Paul will type up the notes from each meeting which will also be added to each book.

### 2. Meeting times and days

Children would like a council meeting every three weeks for 15-20 minutes at 9.00am on Tuesdays. We will try this for a term and may go back to just one meeting if it seems too much.

### 3. Actions per term

Council will try to action one of the agreed ideas each half term.

### 4. School Council Badges

School Councillors have asked if they could have badges to identify themselves and their role.

### 5. Mirrors

Mirrors in all toilets is a suggestion from Year 3 and was agreed on by all other year groups represented.

### 6. Outdoor Play Equipment

Some of the equipment is broken – children would like it to be removed and – if possible – replaced by something else when there are funds for this eg. Monkey bars

Some of the after-school equipment is broken. Can this be sorted out and thrown away/replaced?

The football goal nets are broken and need to be replaced.

A new pump is needed for all balls as the one being used is no longer working properly. Volunteer team to check and pump up regularly (with supervision).

Other equipment to be replaced for PE/After-school clubs that children mentioned was:

- Wooden rounders bats – and buy foam ones for younger children
- Foam javelins (as the tips have come off many of them so they no longer have the aerodynamic to go very far)
- Cricket bats that are big enough for upper key stage 2
- Cricket stumps

Daniel proposed that the long jump sandpit be cleaned and made fit for purpose so that it could be used again for PE and clubs (especially as children are now going to competitions again). Daisy added that a cover would be a good idea to prevent the sand being contaminated by animals (she saw one at Southam College which inspired the idea).

Max mentioned that there used to be high jump equipment. Do we still have this and could it be re-introduced to PE/Athletics club?

All the play equipment that was purchased just before lockdown is not currently being taken out at lunchtimes – can this be sorted so it is in use?

Mr Scott told the council that the playground is being resurfaced over the summer which will make it better and safer for using the equipment.

Councillors suggested a rota of playground monitors to give out and collect in play equipment. Certain popular equipment to be allocated to a year group each day so there is time for everyone to enjoy. They also suggested Play Leaders to show children how to play and to encourage game playing.

Suggestions also included:

Clapping games

Hopscotch

Chalk drawings

Wall art

Daniel mentioned that the playground court lines are fading so could these be re-painted at some point.

## **7. Forest School Pond**

Children suggested creating a pond that could be used for science lessons – this could be a school project involving children, parents, local volunteers. They would like to develop growth of pond plants to encourage biodiverse environment and pond life including frogs.

## **8. Den Building Activities**

Older children were keen to be able to make more use of the forest school and suggested den/shelter building etc.

## **9. Gardening Club/Year Group Activities**

Each year group having their own raised bed to grow vegetables, flowers, plants etc. as part of science. Each year group would be responsible for looking after their own raised bed.

## **10. Cooking Club**

Children mentioned there used to be a cooking club and wondered if this could be considered again.