# Minutes from School Council Meeting 20th June 2018

Pupils in attendance – CHa, KKa, CBe, KSa, TCa, CLa, TPe, AAh, LDi

Apologies SCl, ACl

Staff in attendance – BBa, JHa

**Agenda (actions in red)**

**Welcome** – Bev welcomed pupils to their 5th School Council Meeting since September 2017. School council walked in and sat quickly. They conducted themselves professionally as expected. Prior to new members joining the council Bev asked existing council their views. They agreed to new members joining the existing team today; they were called to the library.

**Review of** previous meeting 23rd April 2018

Hand Sanitizer – Hand sanitizers were brought to the meeting. Groups that required sanitizer took them back to their bases. Bev has the others in her office for safe keeping.

School Ambassador badges – Huge thank you to Lynn who managed to find/order badges with magnets. Ambassadors were pleased with their badges and agreed to keep them in school. LDi had tested the badge prior to meeting to feedback if magnet was strong enough. It was slipping down his collar. To be monitored

Coat hooks – Majority of classes have extra coat hooks. Some classes have not been able to have hooks drilled into their walls due to asbestos

Grand design day – 16.07.18 - Bins will be made on this day; position of bins already discussed with Mr Whittaker

Toilet – Still urine on the floor occasionally; to be continually monitored by staff.

Magazines – Lynn has cancelled some subscriptions following feedback from council. New orders for requested magazines has been placed

Holiday activities – Still awaiting a list of holiday activities – Dawn will include on school website within the next 2 weeks (complete)

Today’s agenda

Interviews – Chris Young and Jenna Wilkins were appointed for the Teaching assistant positions. Congratulations to both; Chris will join Elmwood in September 2018.

Reading aloud (RAP) – Mr Cross wanted more details regarding the RAP targets

Question – **During social reading are staff reading aloud with you**? All staff are reading with us

**Would you say this is expressive and relevant to the book**? Staff do read with expression but some pupils still find this hard to do themselves. Confidence can be a barrier as expressed by LDi. He is a confident reader but is aware of the less confident. TPe also said that it is difficult to read with expression.

**What are pupil’s general views on reading within school and for enjoyment**?

Many of the pupils will read for enjoyment in school even it is a fishing or a car magazine. They do enjoy reading in school if the content is interesting however **most do not read at home.**

Leadership within school Council – Mr Cross spoke about his vision to BBai regarding the development of leadership prior to today’s meeting. Bev shared the vision with School Council.

* To access offsite training from a person who works within a leadership capacity. This may be practical eg – similar to Mr Whitaker’s training which he carries out off site; it could also involve a business setting with a presentation. Council to have refreshments provided offsite – Mr Cross to provide venue and link.
* Another option is to hold separate meetings within their bases which they lead. Council to then come together 2/3 times throughout the year. All said they felt more comfortable having meetings together as it allows them all to know what goes on in each base and it allows modelling from more experienced members. I felt this was more of a confidence issue therefore we will look at developing much later.
* Showing visitors around the school – This can be actioned quickly; usually Mr Hubbard will show/complete the walk around school. LDi said he would not feel confident in doing this but gave suggestions of how it can be actioned. KSa, CHa KKa and CBe all feel confident to complete learning walks and welcome the opportunity.

Ideas - This could be modelled by Mr Hubbard and a staff member who can pretend to be a parent; it can be modelled when a parent/visitor next attends school – Mr Hubbard to action

Chicken Naming. – KSa, CHa and TPe each took a picture of a chicken to their bases. Their task was to provide a list of names from pupils in their base – Names to be put into an envelope and pulled out during assembly. This has been actioned already; well done to KSa and CHa who were extremely proactive.

Chicken Names – Transition – Olivia, Nurture – Henrietta, Pathways – Annie

School uniform staff and pupils – Mr Cross to take photos of correct school uniform for both staff and pupils and incorrect uniforms will also be photographed. A brochure will be produced in picture format with a tick next to the correct uniform and a cross next to the incorrect uniform. These will be sent to parents in time for the summer holiday – Dawn

Council have asked if plain black shorts can be worn during extreme heat. It was agreed that this could go ahead until the end of term following BBa discussion with Mr Cross.

AOB –

Footballs – Council said they are sharing some footballs but some may be on the roof – Bev to ask caretaker to have a look

Soap in toilets – Lynn to action as this is still limited

PE Equipment – Council said they would like more PE equipment such as footballs. Informed council that Mr Hawkes has recently had some equipment including the gym equipment

Computers – Council concerned there are not enough computers in Mrs Francis’s class and for the new Yr 7’s. I explained that Mr Cross and Lynn have completed a walk to look at equipment and have completed their checklist.

Morning activities for girls – AAh asked if there is any chance of other morning activities for the girls. Next year 3 of the girls will be in the same base so they may join other activities.

MISP – LDi asked if MISP can be reintroduced to the older pupils. He said that he loved MISP. So too did the others who experienced MISP. AAh has not experienced MISP; all council who have experienced all said they would like it to continue or be reintroduced if possible. Bev to speak with Mr Cross as this may be a stress relief for Yr 11’s during exam pressures next year.

Taxis – Council voiced that transport do not like to wait for those who have learning minutes. It was explained that transport have a specific time they have to wait before leaving the premises. School try to keep to that deadline; taxis will be told to leave if the time has run over.

Radios – It was noted that transition next year will have more pupils and staff are not always able to hear a radio call. New radios have been given to all staff and those which are still not working correctly are sent back to Lynn. This will be monitored in time for next council meeting

Date of next meeting – The next meeting will take place sometime in September 2018. Awaiting transition of new Yr 7’s

Thank you all for attending and for your continued commitment.