

# Minutes from School Council Meeting 21<sup>st</sup> January 2020

Pupils in attendance –CHa, SCI, KSa, CLa, RMY, KKa, CWi, ELN, JHa, IHo.

Apologies – Ria Lew as currently off School Council temporarily

Staff in attendance – BBa

## Agenda (actions in red)

**Welcome** – Bev welcomed ambassadors to their 2nd School Council meeting. Ambassadors welcomed CWi who was invited as he has demonstrated the ability to use his voice to resolve conflict.

## Review of previous meeting 15<sup>th</sup> October 2019

**Uniforms** – Photos now on website

**Leader Responsibilities** – RMY and TP have shown around visitors; BBa addressed some of the negative behaviours recently demonstrated by the Yr 11 Ambassadors. Reminder of expectations.

**Science** – Mr Price has had lesson observations alongside other staff; any areas which need to be addressed will be through the appropriate support in place for all staff. Content in lessons is strong and so too is planning; appropriate stretch and challenge.

**New Staff** – Ambassadors were unsure who Anna was previously; more of the Ambassadors are able to describe her 'The lady who speaks quietly'

## Today's agenda

**Staff shout out** – Mr Whitaker has asked that we have a staff shout out in School. This highlights the care for others; going above and beyond. Before BBa had a chance to bring this to council BBa put a staff shout out slip in classes and asked pupils to name staff who go above and beyond.

Staff highlighted – Sarah Mosson, Leon, Jade, Bev and James Ha, Mr Bullock, Mr Wood, Mrs Powe, Hardeep, Cindy, Mr Holmes.

During our council meeting I explained that above and beyond may be a member of staff who has done something completely out the ordinary and not a members of staff you work with every day.

CL named Jo; Jo had ensured the pupils had a shower after football, she provided clean towels and shower gels and she folded their uniforms.

Pupils discussed how we can ensure staff shout out happens regularly. **Mr Whitaker to organise dependent on appropriate/best ideas.**

Idea 1 – On a Thursday morning to put a slip in the register for pupils, in each base put a 'shout out' box which Mr Francis can make. Pupils can post slips in box throughout the week; Shout out end of half term.

Idea 2 – Paper and pens outside assembly room, as they leave, they can write the name of a staff member who has gone above and beyond and post in a box. Discussion about footfall traffic.

### **Mr Hawkes Questions to Ambassadors**

**Feedback from theme so far? What do you think of Vikings topic?**

**How safe to you feel in terms of bullying or peer on peer abuse?**

It was noted quite quickly that there had been an altercation on transport and this had impacted on behaviour for a small group of pupils in School. CLa brought this to the attention of others; CWi elaborated on this however all of the Ambassadors stated that bullying can occur in any School and outside of School; Ambassadors believe Elmwood School manage incidents which prevents ongoing altercations

**How safe do you feel in terms of abuse online outside of School?**

Ambassadors noted that abuse online outside of School is occurring and this effects behaviours in School. Although the incidents are few it can impact on the larger School community. All Ambassadors know how to stay safe online; they will use their voice to share the information with staff in School. Not all Ambassadors share with parents; it is important that staff share with parents if pupils have not to further safeguard.

### **Assembly Feedback**

Assemblies continued as Ambassadors regularly spoke about the need for assemblies however the format has changed. Members from the Senior Leadership Team are delivering assemblies based on trends within the School.

Although SCI felt assemblies can be boring, she understood the need to raise awareness of current School climate. She would like more videos to be shown and the upper School to have a slightly different grown up version. RMY stated he had no idea what was happening within Elmwood bases until Mr Cross showed photos of damage within the School. He felt it important to have a whole School understanding.

**Ambassadors would like more videos, continued interaction between staff and pupils; occasionally modified for the upper School audience**

AOB

**Health & Safety** - Some lights are not working in Year 11

**Computers** – Some of the new software on the computers is Yr 9 are not working effectively – BBa to share with IT gentlemen.