

School Council Thursday 31st January Minutes



Meeting commenced: 3.10pm
Present: Mr Holt, Mrs Aden (School Governor)
31 students attended the meeting.
Year 7 – 8
Year 8 – 8
Year 9 – 9
Year 10 – 6
Year 11 – 2 (Others attending extra lessons)

1. Trafford Youth Cabinet feedback

Joe Lee (Y8) provided feedback on the recent Executive Committee trip to the Trafford Youth Cabinet. Oliver Donnelly (Y10) writes...

It seems so long ago now but, before the Christmas break the Council's Executive Committee participated in the annual Youth Conference which is run by Trafford Youth Cabinet. On arrival at The Life Centre in Sale the ten students were asked to take part in a cheering competition against the other 12 Trafford schools represented at the conference!

Afterwards, we were split into groups and sent around a circuit of different workshops which we completed throughout the morning, these included First Aid, Politics, Mental Health in school, Laws on Social Media, and Brexit.

During the afternoon we had another competition to see which school could create the best mobile app which would allow children to be more confident and speak out about their problems. The day was concluded with an open discussion and debate on local issues which was held by local councillors, the Police Commissioner, Trafford MYP and safeguarding officers.

2. Matters raised from tutor group discussion

Various people suggested making changes to the newly modified 'one-way system' which was recently put in place. Students raised concerns about arriving late for lessons as they occasionally have to walk a longer distance than previously.

Students also suggested removing the blue fence which sits next to the Lynton building to create more room and reduce congestion. There was a feeling that congestion has increased in this area since the new green fencing was put down to protect the grass next to the astroturf.

Another discussion which took place was about the possibility of colour coding subjects. This might mean that hallways, corridors and rooms may be colour coded according to subject. This too would correspond with the colour of the subject exercise books.

3. Break and lunchtime club suggestions

Students acknowledge that they are fortunate to have a wealth of extra-curricular opportunities but some students felt that there was a 'gap in the market' for certain activities.

Suggestions included: Students were asked if they had any ideas for new and exciting lunch time clubs. Suggestions included:

- Sewing club
- Product design club
- Cricket club (for girls)
- Drawing club
- News and current affairs club
- Arts and crafts club (For younger year groups)
- International food tasting club
- Geography club
- Card trick club

The Executive Committee will lobby for funds and venues in order that these clubs begin running as soon as possible if numbers allow.

4. Member of Youth Parliament Vote

Yasmin Lee and Aaron Mellish (both Y11) regularly attend Talkshop in Sale where representatives of all School Councils in Trafford gather each Wednesday evening. They informed everyone that this term we would be holding a ballot in school to vote for the Trafford MYP. Shortlisting is currently taking place and the vote will take place in March. Watch this space for further details.

Next full School Council meeting: Thursday 23rd March 2017

Meeting closed at 4.10pm