

# School Council Minutes

## Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> October

### 2017



Meeting commenced: 3.10pm  
Present: Mr Holt, Mr Fenwick  
61 students attended the meeting.  
Year 7 – 11  
Year 8 – 17  
Year 9 – 15  
Year 10 – 9  
Year 11 – 9

#### 1. Review of School Council 2016-2017

Ella Percy (Year 10) reviewed the successes of the School Council for the year 2016-2017

- Selection of Kidscan for our sponsored walk charity of 2017
- Consultation with staff from Chartwells caterers had taken place on two separate occasions during the year with visits from the North West regional manager resulting in changes which included an overhaul of the menu, improved presentation of food, more 'themed weeks' and separate facilities for the 6<sup>th</sup> Form in their common room which has alleviated pressure on the queues in the dining room
- School Council organised and managed the Make Your Mark campaign
- Requests for a new bike shed at the rear of school have been met
- Attendance at the Trafford Youth Cabinet at The Life Centre, Sale
- The Executive Committee took part in the Speaker's School Council Competition by raising the profile of mental health issues in young people. This included several students visiting the Trafford Youth Parliament and speaking in front of Council leaders.

#### 2. School Council Objectives

Mr Holt explained the idea behind the School Council. As far as possible the agenda should be set by the pupils. It is expected that staff should play nothing more than a supporting role and that it is the pupils who should be proactive in leading change and driving improvement at Wellington School. The Council has a fabulous opportunity to influence the way in which school works and all pupils should be certain that their voice and opinions will be listened to.

#### 3. Make Your Mark

The Executive Committee have been organising a whole-school vote which is connected to the national Make Your Mark initiative.

Results were shared with students. In all, 1019 Wellington students voted and ballots were counted by the Executive Committee. Once again, Wellington School returned more votes than any other Trafford school. 'A curriculum for life' has now topped the Wellington ballot for three years running.

The results for Wellington School are:

1. **A curriculum to prepare us for life (211 votes)**
2. **Mental Health services for young people need improving (146 votes)**
3. **Make public transport better and cheaper (137 votes)**
4. **Work Experience hubs for all (127 votes)**
5. **Protect LGBT+ people (112 votes)**
6. **Votes for all 16 year olds (78 votes)**
7. **Support for Young Carers (60 votes)**
8. **Make the invisible visible (53 votes)**
9. **First Aid training for all young people (50 votes)**
10. **Protect schools from harmful cuts (33 votes)**  
(12 spoiled papers)

These will be added to the national vote and the winning issue will be debated in the House of Commons by MYPs and MPs.

The result will be shared in Tutor time and on the digital display screens and tutors will also share the Trafford and national results when they are made available.

#### **4. Applying for a role with the Executive Committee**

The School Council will be led and managed by an Executive Committee of up to 10 pupils. Their job will be to listen and report to their year group, to manage projects and to liaise with staff. Every student at Wellington School is welcome to apply for a role with the Executive Committee.

Those wishing to apply should write a letter which states why they believe they are a suitable candidate. Pupils will need the following qualities:

- Creativity
- Team working
- Organisation
- Commitment and loyalty
- Communication

**Letters of application should be with Mr Holt by Monday 16<sup>th</sup> October.**

#### **5. 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary fundraising ideas**

Much of the Council meeting was given over to discussion around fundraising for the School's 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary. We have set ourselves the target of raising £80000 which will be divided between three charities which we have worked closely with over the past few years: Prevent (Breast Cancer), Royal Manchester Children's Hospital and Teenage Cancer Trust.

There were many ideas suggested by those present but the most popular and most viable included the following:

- Non-uniform days (for a small payment)
- Bake sales
- 'A night at school' (paying/sponsors to sleep overnight in school)
- Chartwells caterers to donate a percentage of profits / a day's profit / a few pence from a particular item on sale
- Movie screenings after school (small fee, popcorn for sale)

- School Ball / Gala
- Car Wash

The full list will be discussed by the Executive Committee and they will lobby the appropriate group of people to get their ideas underway.

Next full School Council meeting: Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> November

Meeting closed at 4.15pm