



Canon Burrows School Council Minutes

Monday 3rd October 2022 1:15 p.m, Penthouse



1. **Welcome and opening prayer.**
2. **Appoint School Council roles and responsibilities, and discuss meeting routines.**
3. **Create School Council Mission Statement.**
4. **School Charities – local this year is TogMind for the Harvest Appeal; please discuss possibilities for the National and World charities from class council meeting.**
5. **Harvest Appeal – Five Ways to Wellbeing Day – how can we raise interest; what activities would you like to see included in the day?**
6. **Junior inspection findings – behaviour – please discuss ways to improve learning behaviours in all classrooms.**
7. **Anti-bullying Week 2022 – what activities would you like to see included in anti-bullying week – please discuss ideas to target and for the week in class council meetings**
8. **AOB.**
9. **Close meeting.**

1. Miss Adamson opened the meeting, welcoming all the new councillors and leading them in prayer.
2. Miss Adamson discussed the roles and routines and roles of the group members were chosen.

Chair - Millie M

Vice Chair = Leah

Secretary - Olivia

Website and twitter - Mohammed, Millie K and Minahil

Newsletter - Maisy and Millie C

3. We discussed the creation of a mission statement for the school council. We discussed what the role of the school council is. Ideas included: encourage people to speak/share opinions, make changes to make the school the best it can be, help people in need, lead projects to make changes, make people comfortable and happy, work as a team. We also discussed which school Christian values we will be developing and displaying in our role as councillors: responsibility, hope, courage, trust, friendship, service, wisdom and perseverance are the main ones we decided upon.

4. We discussed the charities that had been suggested in our class meetings for the National and World charities. Nominations included: Manchester hospital, local food banks, Ukraine charities, Great Ormond Street, Guide dogs for the blind, Red Cross, Link to Hope. After discussion we decided that this year we would support the following charities.

Local – Togmind; National – Guide Dogs for the Blind; World – Link to Hope. The school councillors were keen to set up school stalls again to raise money for our chosen charity appeals, felt that non-uniform days could also be used to raise money and discussed having more than one stall after school.

5. Ideas discussed for the Five Ways to Wellbeing Day included: sports activities, wellbeing walk, pyjama day, snack times together, happy mind day, whole school art project, random acts of kindness, invite parents to school, dress up day.

6. Miss Adamson shared that as part of their role last year, the school councillors took part in a Junior Inspection and a point for improvement was that for a minority of children, behaviour in classrooms could be improved. The councillors shared ways to support this. They felt that the traffic lights system used in classrooms worked but that not all teachers used the traffic lights, moved children onto gold or remembered to give five value vouchers to those who were on green all week. They thought that the value vouchers system worked well and all agreed that the bowling vouchers worked well and wanted this to stay. There was also a suggestion that value vouchers should be given to those children who completed their homework well and on time.

7. Discussed what anti-bullying week is and the importance of everyone feeling safe in school. The councillors all agreed that they feel safe in school and there are no areas or times in school where they feel unsafe. Ideas for anti-bullying week included making videos, posters, speeches, a whole school homework and acting. A councillor shared that they felt that worry boxes need promoting more and another suggested that school councillors could check if there were worries in the box each day and alert class teachers if there are. Miss Adamson agreed that promoting the use of worry promote worry boxes was a good idea and discussed the importance of school councillors maybe just shaking the boxes to check if there were worries in there so that they don't read other people's worries. Another councillor also mentioned using the ask-it baskets in all PSHE lessons.

8. Miss Adamson explained the purpose of AOB and asked councillors if they had any but no-one had anything they wanted to share.

9. Miss Adamson thanked everyone for their contributions and ended the meeting with a prayer.

ACTIONS: The twitter team wrote a tweet and gave this to Miss Adamson to upload. The secretary typed up the minutes. Newsletter team to write about the first meeting for the newsletter. Councillors to make posters to promote charity stalls.