



School Council Meeting Minutes – 6th Form

Date: Friday 12th June 2026

Time: 11.30am

Attendees

Mr Kernan - Principal

Mr Gardiner - Designated Safeguarding Lead & Assistant Head - apologies

Mr Ceclich - Personal Development & Family Support - apologies

Mrs Whitney-Smith - Safeguarding & Family Support

Mrs Barnes – 6th Form Teacher

Class Representatives

Sirius: SF & WL **Horizon:** SG & MM

Orion: Voice gained through staff, and observation of students.

1. Previous actions.

- **Community visits. 6th Form Teachers to consult with students regarding what reward trips they would like throughout the academic year.** LB confirmed that students are visiting The Deep and Macdonalds next week as both a reward trip and educational trip as it links well with the curriculum for Animal Care. Students have stated they would like to go to Yorkshire Wildlife Park so LB is organising this for the Autumn Term alongside a visit to Melton Police Station. Student voice will go out to inform reward trips and educational trips moving forwards.
- **Football goals, balls and nets. Badminton rackets, net and shuttlecocks. SG (with staff support) to speak with KL regarding supplies at Main Site. Order to be researched and placed by students if necessary (with support).** LB confirmed that a HUGE order has been placed for this equipment. Plus items for sensory/fidget boxes for both classes.
- **'Run With It' programme to be re-explored and fed back at the next meeting.** LB confirmed this is a very expensive programme and consideration needs to be given as to whether students would like to spend money on this or something else. Student Voice will be taken into account for the final decision.
- **Spa – more information/ context needed ready for the next meeting.** LB confirmed this was based around more personal care items for Sirius including mirrors, face masks etc. LB discussed difficulties with ensuring we have parent/carers consent and are aware of allergies etc. SK confirmed this could potentially happen in the flat. LB/SA to follow up.

- **Bench swing and Summerhouse – SF and WL to explore summerhouse kits, complete a student survey on what is wanted and compare costs.** LB confirmed this has taken place and Summerhouses are starting around the price of £3000. Student Voice will need to be considered when deciding where money is best spent i.e. Summerhouse and garden development or 'Run With It'.
- **Sports Day at 6th Form – date to be set for June/July. 6th Form Teachers to collaborate and organise.** LB confirmed that this will take place next year when all sports equipment has arrived and sufficient planning time has been in place.
- **Boxing/ Karate at 6th Form – Sirius to research local organisations and reach out to them for a 'taster' session.** This has not taken place yet – to be continued.
- **Sensory Space for Orion class – HWS to gain further information regarding resources etc.** HWS confirmed that JB has ordered lots of sensory items for Orion Class.
- **Counter-top oven/hob to be ordered for Orion.** This has been ordered and received. JB has confirmed this is working well.
- **Freezer Fridays – LB to explore.** LB confirmed this has taken place once so far and was successful. There will be more opportunity for this next academic year as catering will be cooking 5x days per week. This will be ad-hoc not every week.
- **Easter Bonnet Parade – 6th Form students to have the choice between designing a bonnet or t-shirt. Teachers to purchase materials.** This will be implemented next year due to time restraints this year.
- Message from DG – DG has organised some First Aid sessions for Cambridge Road site as part of the student councillor suggestions. He will also look at organising these for 6th Form.

2. Orion: Requested a bike and helmet for outdoor area.

- SK – due to space limitations and health and safety, an adult sized balance bike would be more appropriate.

Action: JB to research this and place an order.

3. Orion: Wall wrapping in Orion area.

- SK – happy for this to be explored but is very expensive!

Action: HWS to discuss with KS (Business Manager).

4. MM: Can the daily mile be started. Can we do train/ bird spotting?

- SK – happy for Evolves to be completed for this. This could work well within the 'Accessing the Community' element of the curriculum.

- Binoculars can be purchased quite cheaply to support this.
- Student voice to be considered if this is something the whole group would like to access or just certain individuals.

Action: SA to plan this into the curriculum if student voice suggests this is a popular choice.

5. MM: Can we have a fish tank?

- SK – huge advocate for fish tanks in schools, these can be costly and a suitable place would have to be identified.

Action: HWS, SK & LB to identify potential area for fish tank and HWS to discuss further with KS, obtaining a quote.

6. SG: Can we have darts in the outside area.

- SK – due to health and safety and the risk posed, this is not possible. Safer alternatives are available that would be more suitable.

Action: LB to research safer alternatives and place order.

7. MM: Colouring books for 'down-time'.

- SK – this could be part of the sensory boxes within the classroom.

Action: LB to order some colouring books.

Next meeting: To be announced in the new academic year