School Council Meeting Minutes – 6th Form

Date: Friday 23rd Oct 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

Sophie Anderson – 6th Form Teacher

Class Representatives

Sirius: EB & AB **Horizon:** MM & JS

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

1. **Previous actions.**
    - ***Boxing/ Karate at 6th Form – Sirius to research local organisations and reach out to them for a 'taster' session.*** This has been looked at instead of the DJ on a Friday afternoon. It will be expanded to include all 'physical' activities (ie Tai-Chi, Zumba).
    - ***Student voice to be completed regarding views on developing outside area (summerhouse), 'Run with It' and 'accessing the community'.*** SK suggested fundraising for the Summerhouse, Steve will match £1 for every £1 donated (maximum of £2000). This could be part of a project including a couple of benches. SA to gain a quote for summerhouse and benches.
    - ***Personal Care items to be purchased and implemented.*** Completed. Students use their 'hygiene kits' daily!
    - ***Adult sized balance bike for Orion class –*** Orion outside area not appropriate for this.
    - ***Wall wrapping in Orion are to be explored.*** Completed. The main corridor area in Orion has been transformed into a forest!
    - ***Daily mile, train/bird spotting to be implemented if student voice suggests this is a popular choice.*** Completed. Daily mile will commence after the half term.
    - ***Suitable area for fish tank to be explored and quotes gained.*** Completed. The dining room now has resident fish!
    - ***Safer darts to be researched and purchased if appropriate.*** Ongoing.

- ***Colouring books to be purchased as part of the sensory boxes in classroom.*** Not appropriate for sensory box. Other items can be explored if desired.

2. SK stated that hoodies have been ordered for Cambridge Road Campus and requested HWS follow up with ensuring they are ordered for Willows Campus.

Action: HWS to email KS

3. **Orion: No requests or suggestions this time.**

4. **EB: Please can we have music on at dinnertime whilst we eat?**
    - All discussed that this would need to be more of a 'restaurant' ambiance rather than 'party' music. All agreed that classical music or Jazz would be appropriate at a low level. This can commence after half term.

Action: SA to implement after half term.

5. **JS: Can we have a games room?**
    - SK/HWS discussed that there is ample space for students to play games in the dining area but we don't have enough space for a designated room.
    - SK suggested that students complete an 'audit' on current games and order some new ones. £200 budget allocated!

Action: SA to support students with a games audit and ordering of new games.

6. **EB: More parties at 6th Form.**
    - SA explained that at 6th Form there is lots of parties/ celebrations throughout the year. These include Christmas, Halloween, Easter, Valentines and end of year. More celebrations are not necessary.

Action: NA

7. **EB: New jackets for gardening.**
    - SK explained that this is very costly for good quality clothing. SK requested a fleece and jacket are brought into the meeting. SK suggested that they are given a good wash and then audited rather than buying all new. This is good practice for the students too ('Make do and mend'). Potentially could buy some transfers to put on the jackets 'Eco-Horticulture'.

Action: SA to support students to wash all gardening clothing, audit and explore transfers.

8. **MM: Can we have a trampoline?**
    - SK & HWS discussed how dangerous trampolines can be. Sunken trampolines are safer, however; this would not be appropriate for 6th Form due to the grass conditions. SK suggested a visit to either Inflatanation or Air Kings as an end of term treat.

Action: SA to explore.

9. **MM: Can we plant more sunflowers?**
    - SK spoke about the project at Cambridge Road Campus where each class will grow a sunflower along the wall of the sports hall. SK suggested students could replicate something similar at Willows Campus.
    - SA explained that giant sunflower seeds had been saved from this years crop.

Action: SA to identify appropriate area.

10. **AB: Please can we have some outside seating?**
    - SK suggested a 'Summer project' this includes fundraising for a summerhouse and benches.
    - Raise the funds by Easter and have it installed in the Summer term!
    - SK stated he would match £1 for every £1 raised (maximum of £2000)

Action: SA to lead on the Summer project.

11. **JS: Can we help more charities.**
    - SK spoke about making difficult choices between supporting charities with money and supporting CPA.
    - HWS suggested that charities could be supporting by other means ie: asking parents for any unwanted clothes and donating them to charity, or families donating food and we could take to the food bank. HWS made reference to this already happening in Sophies sessions.

Action: SA/HWS to explore.

Next meeting: TBA