



## Pupil Council Executive Meeting

Date: - 13<sup>th</sup> January 2023

Present: - Daisy Golder, Sarah Mehmi, Alana Sinclair, Yolande Phaithaisong, Connor Baylis, Stella Shinner, Lucy Tulloch, Karen Bevan, Ms Morrison

Apologies: - Brodie Leroux, Damon Hutchison, David Tait, Marcus Grieve (left school), Abi Brass, Emily Fisher, Lily Hay, Libby Smith, Tom Reid, Jimmy Lyon, Millie Flett, Mrs Bevan, Ms Grieve, Mr Barber,

Item	Discussion	Action	Who	Date due
1. Attendance	Lucy Tulloch joined the meeting to represent 6T as Marcus Grieve has left school. Attendance low due to college, netball trip and staff meeting.			
2. Consultation on school uniform	Votes: - School uniform 25 Casual uniform 19 No uniform 133 Total votes 177 out of 350? Issues with voting – a large proportion of pupils out of school at college or on netball trip, class reps did not bring accurate figures to the meetings, pupils felt some votes were swayed due to peer pressure.  Class reps pleased with the way this was done – generated lots of discussion	To do a private/secret vote again during Registration after the prelims in order to get accurate numbers.	Class Rep/ Reg Staff	31 <sup>st</sup> Jan
3. S5/6 laptops	Pupils in S5/6 felt that they should have been given laptops to help them with their studies/prepare for exams. Pupils are aware that there might not be funding for this.	To be discussed at the next Senior Leaders Team Meeting (SLT – Mrs Hegarty, Mr Barber, Mr Horne, Ms Morrison)	BM	20 <sup>th</sup> Jan
4. Lunch queue	Most pupils prefer to have a single lunch so activities can run at lunchtimes. Pupils are unhappy at length of lunch queue in school (& at Argos/Coop). Possible solutions: - Rotate years groups getting out of class 5 minutes early for lunch. Two queues - lunch/snack, and introduce a one way system (worried this would cause a 'stampede' down English corridor as pupils leave the building)	To be discussed at the next Senior Leaders Team Meeting (SLT – Mrs Hegarty, Mr Barber, Mr Horne, Ms Morrison)	BM	20 <sup>th</sup> Jan
5. Timings of the school day	Mixed view on the suggestion that we have a single break on Fridays so S1-S3 pupils have a 2-2-1 lesson split.  Mixed views about starting the school day earlier/finishing later, having Activities on the timetable. Pupils are aware that we can't do	To discuss this with IH, proposing to trial it for next 3 weeks (whilst S4-S6) are doing prelims, then review.  To be discussed at the next Senior Leaders Team Meeting (SLT – Mrs	BM  BM	19 <sup>th</sup> Jan  20 <sup>th</sup> Jan

	anything about this until the school transport contracts come up for tender – in 2 years' time. When this happens it is important to take the views of our Hoy pupils who currently wait in Stromness for 2 hours to get the ferry home.	Hegarty, Mr Barber, Mr Horne, Ms Morrison) – can we start a consultation process in 2024		
6. <i>School Meals</i>	School dinner staff responded to the request from the Thorfinn House Pupil Council to provide more panini's at lunchtime – but then they weren't eaten! Pupils would like other choices with chips – chips and beans/salad/sweetcorn. Pupils would like more choices on Fridays (not just chicken burgers)	To discuss this with IH	<b>BM</b>	<b>ASAP</b>
7. <i>More seating areas</i>	Pupils would like more seating in social areas – the red area and the entrance foyer balcony?	To discuss this with Mr Horne and our janitor Mr Waters	<b>BM</b>	<b>ASAP</b>
8. <i>School Furniture</i>	Science stools – pupils are aware that KGS have stools with backs which are more comfortable.	To discuss with Science staff before proceeding	<b>BM</b>	<b>ASAP</b>
	Art tables	To discuss with Mr Smith before proceeding	<b>BM</b>	<b>ASAP</b>
9. <i>Review of new pupil council system – is it working?</i>	This way gets more accurate information/ feedback from pupils. It was really good have time with classes for discussion, like we did in Activities. It needs to be during class time as it is more valued. Class reps not out of many classes so can catch up. Not good to do meetings on Fridays though as many senior pupils are at college. Could we have extended registration to get class discussions/gather pupil voice?	To be discussed at the next Senior Leaders Team Meeting (SLT – Mrs Hegarty, Mr Barber, Mr Horne, Ms Morrison)	<b>BM</b>	<b>20<sup>th</sup> Jan</b>
10. <i>What next?</i>	Can we have a consultation on the best ways pupils learn so that we can let our teachers know?	To discuss this with our Teaching & Learning Working Group/Miss Costello	<b>BM</b>	<b>ASAP</b>
11. <i>AOB</i>	Pupils are concerned about the heating in the school – classrooms very cold to work in. Ms Morrison explained that the heating system is going to be upgraded once the re-cladding has been done. This will probably be next session. Until then we will continue to have problems with it but our janitors are working tirelessly to keep it running as best as they can.	To ask Mr Horne to inform pupils of the problem with the heating system (via the bulletin) and what we are doing about it.	<b>BM</b>	<b>ASAP</b>
	Concerns that there is no soap in the girls' toilets in the Red Area and that girls are taking food into toilets and dumping it down the toilets.	To speak to the cleaners about soap. To put signs up & note in bulletin	<b>BM</b>	<b>ASAP</b>

Date of Next Meeting: - TBC (after the Prelims)