

Secondary School Council Minutes

Date	14.11.22 Period 5 Drama Room
Chairperson	H. Schroepfer
Attendees	Year 7: Katherine, Ruby and Finley; Year 8: Molly and Ollie; Year 9: Vikas and Byron; Year 10: Gus, Christian, Chloe and Mark; Year 11: Adam, Oscar, Fletcher, Adam. Post-16: Owen Laleham News Team Reporter: Chloe Secretary: Matthew Miss Wainwright, Mrs Minter, Mr Fairbrother Mr Daniel Chandler (Chair of Governors) and Mrs Lesley Game (KCC Chairperson).
Apologies/absent	Ethan, Connor, Frankie.
Discussion Point 1	Updates TISS Gate propped open for walkers? Oscar asks if the TISS Gate can be propped open for walkers at the end of the school day for ease of movement at a busy time. Adam and Oscar have requested Secondary School assemblies in the hall. Roles at Student Council: Commitment and Role-Modelling Rights Respectful Behaviour Thank you to: Year 11 House Leaders for House Quiz Competition; pupils serving tuck; communicating with staff. Sadly, Mr Milton is unavailable to be the 'Chaser' for the House Leaders first House Competition. Open/Closed meetings; focus groups for different tasks; chance to meet with specific staff e.g. Yr10 and Post-16 reps request a meeting with Mr Parkin to discuss use of The Phoenix and outdoor areas. Mark: Year 10 have no hub. Focus group meeting for the new Reward Shop Tuesday Reading+. See additional minutes.
Action by	HS to email Site Staff. John Fry (site staff) is investigating a drop bolt for that gate which can be operated by the TA on duty there. HS and JF to hold Reward Shop meeting tomorrow L4L Reading+
Point 2	Q&A Comparing KCC and Student Council roles and work Jacob politely asked how our visitors were. This polite reception was appreciated and they both checked-in based on how their days were going. CW: How are you managing the impact of all the new housing sites in the area? Mrs Game was transparent that she was not involved with the logistics of the local housing development and this visit was based on an historical commitment. She did sympathise with the pupils and agreed something is wrong with the planning: It should be infrastructure first and then housing. VM: Can you give me an example of your daily work as a Councillor? Mrs Game detailed engagements where she deliver speeches, lay a remembrance wreath and looks forward to launching a boat in the near future. MM: What are the greatest challenges and rewards of your job? Mrs Game explained that one the greatest challenges is delivering a speech when she was not expecting to. One of the most rewarding experiences is visits like this. CG: Why are we not regenerating older houses instead of building hundreds of new homes?

	The 'Empty House' scheme does exist however you would need to ask Thanet District Council regarding the planning process. Mrs Game asked the pupils what their favourite part of the school was: Molly celebrated the Culture and Community Days which lead to happiness and new experiences. Chloe stated you sometimes get to go on trips – they would appreciate more trips. Pupils feel respected. Jacob shared it was rewarding to be in a smaller classroom environment compared to mainstream with 30-32 students present. Having 8-11 pupils in a class allowed for a greater bond to be made with your teaching staff. Everyone can enjoy the time needed to be known as an individual. The pupils concurred they felt supported, and the school understands Wellbeing and Mental Health needs – LGS is flexible to meet your needs. Are you happy? The pupils said they were but there are still pupils who say they hate school or certain staff members. Mrs Game responded that children have those moods in all schools. Is there anything you would like to change? Molly suggested vending machines. Christian requested an evaluation and improvement of the current school uniform. Oscar explained Covid interrupted uniform expectations. Mark said the Council needs more power. Pupils would also like longer breaks and more fitness/play equipment. Mr Chandler asked the Council if they understood the role of the Governors and if they would like more or fewer visits? There was a mixed response from the Council – some confusion over their role and purpose. Chloe said more visits would enable a better mutual understanding. Some pupils raised the point of unfamiliar adults causing Anxiety. Christian suggested 1 or 2 visits a year. Vikas suggested a termly Student Council meeting could support better communication. HS and the Council thanked them for their time and interest.
Action by	Oscar suggests contacting District Thanet Council re: the new housing so close to the school.
AOB	Pupil requests on behalf of their peers: 'PM Questions' SLT interviews to maintain/improve communication and collaboration between leadership and the Council. Year 11s also raised a request to increase the School Lunch portions in their hub please. The rest of the school are happy that they have sufficient. There is concern over parking on the double yellows outside the main reception. Some of the desserts are not vegetarian-friendly e.g. the mousse and jelly. Please can an inclusive alternative be made available. There is a mixed response to the new crispy pizza on the menu. MM: Request for toasties as an option at lunchtime. There has been a request for softer toilet tissue.

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Date	15.11.22 Reading+ L4L
Chairperson	H. Schroepfer
Attendees	Mr Fairbrother 7: Katherine, Finley, Jake 8: Robert, Molly 9: Vikas, Jacob 10: Chloe 11: Adam, Ethan and Oscar Posy-16: Owen Matthew as Secretary
Discussion Point 1	The Secondary Reward Shop Owen shared how in Post-16 pupils have their own Reward Wallet – in Post-16 students can earn an allowance for their responsibilities and overcoming obstacles/achieving targets. The Council agree staff/ notably tutors should see merit totals to update pupils – a shared live document like we order lunches. We can work towards a system where pupils can independently ‘check their balance’ to practise financial skills. Jacob: option to use merits to support charities. HS: This could be linked with the grass roots school in Venezuela we have supported. Ideas for the shop include fidgets, Lego minifigures, sweets, toys including cars, water bottles, notepads, plushies. One4All gift cards were unanimously popular across the year groups. Chloe suggested a weekly Tuck pass could also be an option. Mr Fairbrother was concerned about knowing what quantities to purchase, but the Council suggested the idea of pre-ordering an item if it went out of stock while the shop was open – the products can be ‘delivered’ in school. Robert suggested colouring or puzzle books as well as board games for form or personal use, which could encourage teamwork to share resources and take pride in their form room. Oscar added the idea of resources for the hubs. (An ongoing issue is the Yr10s not having a hub area for break times.) It was agreed the Reward shop to be open one week (to allow for absences) in a term so 6 times a year.
Action by	Mr. Fairbrother to: complete stock checks; choose a room to deliver the Pop-Up Reward Shop that is not too far from his office and storage cupboard; inform the Council if their assistance is required. Feedback 22.11.22
AOB	Owen shared the concern the current post 16 did not receive their year 11 leavers gift cards. Email Mr Clements and Mrs Posnett for clarity about totals and if they ‘rolled over’ to Post-16.