

Academy Student Council Meeting

Friday 21st January 2022

Present: AD, MH, KJH (Mins)

AD asked the students to reflect on where they had demonstrated leadership:

- Lip Sync – A fantastic event. Lots of work went into it and it showed. Congratulations.
- Briony-Mai Green has got into Oxford to study psychology. Elsie Borez has got into Oxford to study Law. Congratulations to both.
- Hawking still have Budmouth's got talent to organise. The students are concerned that they will struggle to get enough acts and with enough variety. MH suggested they promote it heavily with the help of PLP. Some students feel that it would be good if it went ahead as it would be a bit of light relief during the stressful exam period.

Minutes of last meeting:

1. The card reader in the sixth form café is now fixed. More people are going in as a result.
2. The issues raised with regard to branded uniform have been passed to the trust and they are doing a consultation on it. The students all agreed that they would like a branded blazer to keep their individuality from other schools but the rest of the uniform should be generic.
3. The Christmas events were a huge success.
4. AD can promote anything on Facebook, Budmouth has a huge following. Last week the site got 12,000 hits.
5. AKM has spoken to the sixth form students and explained what the Assistant Directors do. The students felt that it might be better if they were allocated to specific roles rather than doing everything for specific tutor groups.
6. The sixth form students advised Y11 students to look at universities now and study the courses on offer to ensure they had time to decide exactly what they wanted to do.
7. MH has booked the 24th March for the staff training from the students. AD will provide help with the delivery and arrange a meeting with PSM to give advice about the content.
8. Budmouth have joined the anti-bullying alliance. Anti-bullying ambassadors will be trained.
9. We will be getting Whisper, which is an online tool to allow students to anonymously report incidents in school.
10. There was further discussion around the rewards system. Staff were asked to provide names to AD where students had been doing well and a number of points were added to their record, so the upper school achievement points have been raised. The students suggested an end of year trip. MH said that the House rewards were being brought back, they were only stopped because of COVID. Any suggestions for anything else can be put on GC.
11. Turing have worked with SMM to produce a google form to ask students which charities they would like to raise funds for in the future.
12. Hawking are going to organise red nose day. The only suggestion so far is that they would like it to be a non-uniform day
13. MH explained that the back stairs were out of bounds because of the way some students behaved in that area. We are looking at putting a camera there so that they can be re-opened.
14. The year 7 quiet area has been removed for the time being as they were disrupting others. It had ceased to be a quiet area.
15. Y11 students would like a study room over the lunch period. MH will look into this.
16. The 3G pitch has now been allocated to Y10 for term 1, Y11 for term 2 and Y9 for term 3. MH to provide goals.

17. Canteen issues have been raised with the canteen. Students feel there is a lack of vegetarian options and portions. There are no vegetarian options in the 6th form café. They have responded with regard to the gluten free options and say this has been resolved.
18. Students raised that the breakfast club options are limited and costly. MH will pass this on.
19. Students feel that medical absence should not count against their overall attendance. MH explained that although it won't be counted for internal certificates we have to mark it as a medical absence by law and it isn't something that we can change.
20. Toilets – Clare Hall toilets are unpleasant so everyone is using the toilets in the Hub. Sanitary bins are not emptied enough. MH will arrange for the Clare Hall toilets to be renovated.
21. Not all students are aware of where they can get sanitary products and the locations should be spread out over the whole site. MH will do an audit and distribute them more evenly. This information will be added to the DMB.
22. Due to the different buildings on site students are not always sure where to go if the fire alarm goes off. This information will be added to the DMB.
23. Students would like bells to sound at the end of break and lunch with 5 minute warning bells. They don't feel that it will interrupt the lessons any more than when the other group move in and out of lunch. It will help with lateness at the start of P3 and P4/P5.
24. The Dear books are not popular, they should be more fun. Kindles were suggested instead of books. We do have 30 but they aren't used. MH will look into this.
25. Students do not like Mathswatch. They find it hard to use and view and would rather work with a pen and paper.
26. Jewellery was raised. MH explained that it is difficult to know where to draw the line. The trust have the policy of no facial piercings and so all we can do is report back to them.
27. Students are able to use fiddle toys, where it is part of their plan, in lessons.
28. Students would like there to be more water fountains and in more areas. AD has set up a green team and one of the audits is taps. This will be reported back.
29. There are issues in technology with the computers. They are not able to run some of the engineering programmes and they crash a lot resulting in lost work.
30. A whole school email address was created to enable google forms to be sent to all students. Some students are abusing this and sending lots of emails. A system should be set up where the request has to be approved before being sent on.
31. The students felt that there should be more variety with clubs but on further discussion it was apparent that they aren't looking at the DMB and so aren't aware. It was felt that the DMB should be up on a screen all the time.
32. The students would like more competitions between teachers and students. AD explained that contact sports are not permitted between students and staff but non-contact would be fine.

33. Students do not like Oak Academy lessons for cover. It is felt that the lessons are more suited to year 6 students.

Actions:

7	AD	Arrange a meeting with PSM for help with the staff training
13	MH	Look into putting a camera in the stairwell of the Hub
15	MH	Look into where a Y11 study room can go
16	MH	Goals for the 3G pitch
18	MH	Contact the canteen regarding breakfast options/costs
20	MH	Look at renovating Clare Hall toilets
21	MH	Audit on locations for sanitary products
23	MH	Discuss the bells for the end of break and lunch -have a chat with DB.
24	MH	Look at using the kindles again. Kindles to be booked out as and when required
28	AD	Audit of the water fountains. Being completed by the Green TEam
29	MH	Technology computers – speak to IT
31	MH	Look at having the DMB Y11 info on display