

Woolton High School

Council Agenda

26/01/2023

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2. Matters arising.
3. Whole School issues.
4. School Attendance.
5. H+S matters.
6. Governor questions to pupils:
 - *Do you feel safe in school?*
 - *Does the school deal with bullying issues?*
 - *Do the majority of pupils in school behave well?*
 - *Do you have a member of staff that you can speak to if you are worried about something?*
 - *Do teachers give you work that challenges you?*
 - *Is there anything else that you want to tell us?*

AOB.

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1. Minutes of the previous meeting.
2. Matters arising. – **Explanations were given to clarify discussions from last meeting.**
3. Whole School issues. – **Energy costs have become a real concern for all schools. We are looking at getting in new software to help us to better manage our energy output.**
4. School Attendance. – **The attendance of the vast majority of pupils is very good. Our overall attendance is impacted by pupils that are not permitted to return to school and by a small minority of pupils that take the odd day off here and there**
5. H+S matters. – **Health and safety inspection carried out by the Local Authority early this week and all recommendations have been actioned.**

6. Governor questions to pupils:

- *Do you feel safe in school? **Yes.** Everybody agreed.*

Everywhere you go, there are always staff there to make you feel safe.

- *Does the school deal with bullying issues?*

Yes. If a bullying incident happens, school deal with it straight away.

There is currently bullying taking place in my class, but the staff are trying to deal with it.

- *Do the majority of pupils in school behave well?*

Yes, problems are dealt with properly when behaviour happens.

- *Do you have a member of staff that you can speak to if you are worried about something?*

Yes – TA's are the best port of call

I feel like I can go straight to my TA if I have any worries.

- *Do teachers give you work that challenges you?*

Yes, all of the work that we get is challenging.

Y10 GCSE work is very challenging.

- *AOB - Is there anything else that you want to tell us?*

"Cups in class – can we have plastic?" MC explained that plastic cups are not eco-friendly. They also cause a disruption as pupils use them as a fiddle tool. Cone shaped paper cups are easier re disposal as getting rid of half drank cups creates issues regarding bins.

"We would prefer to have Year group teams to play against other schools." – MC explained that as we have small class numbers, we cannot get full teams for matches in year groups and that's why we combine classes within Key stages.

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14/06/2022

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6. Governor questions to pupils:
 - Is this a safe school?
How do you know?
Does the school deal with bullying issues?
 - What makes behaviour good in the school?
 - How do the school staff help you?
 - Do you enjoy what you are taught?
 - Is there anything else that you want to tell us?

AOB. None

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14/06/2022

1. Minutes of the previous meeting.
2. Matters arising. – **Matters were discussed as MC worked through the previous minutes from the February meeting.**
3. Whole School issues – **Covered during review of minutes from last meeting**
4. School Attendance. – **MC emphasised that the vast majority of pupils at school have very good attendance, but the biggest problem.**
5. H+S matters. - **None**
6. Governor questions to pupils:

- What subjects do you enjoy most at school?

"English is really nice", "We get to learn about lots of stuff", "History is interesting", "I don't like ICT much".

- Is there anything else that you want to tell us?

"Would like to go on more trips", Paintballing, go carting"

"Teachers should treat pupils wearing of uniform consistently across the school. Our class get concerns for not wearing uniform and other classes don't".

"We should have more targets for things across school, like we do for getting on the school football team / going on trips because this helps us to behave better".

"Can we do rugby?" – MC explained that sessions with Dallaglio Foundation had to end because they were no longer able to offer the sessions for free and then became very expensive such that school could not afford the sessions any more.

"Can we use the Fitness Centre during Choices?" – MC explained that he would ask if this was possible, but there was a staffing element to be considered.

MC asked what activities were currently offered for Choices throughout the week? "Football, pool + table tennis, movies, badminton / basketball, dodgeball and trampolining.

All pupils agreed that the variation within the week is actually quite good. "Swearing is bad" "We get concerns from teachers for swearing" "We are given Choice, Chance, Concern for swearing, unless it's abusive towards someone like being racist, sexist or homophobic. That would be a straight concern".

AOB. None

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17/02/2022

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AOB. None

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17/02/2022

1. Minutes of the previous meeting. – **Accurate**
2. Matters arising. – **None**
3. Whole School issues.
4. School Attendance. **Whole school attendance is being hampered by pupils that have now had their placements ended with us, but they have not started in another setting yet. However, the overall attendance of the vast majority of all other pupils is actually very good.**
5. H+S matters. **Some of the boards outside of classrooms need to be updated as some look tatty and others are the wrong name since classrooms have changed purpose. One pupil suggested letting pupils help with replacing the boards as part of Vocational Options. MC to speak to Mr Monti about this.**
6. Headteacher questions to pupils:
 - Is this a safe school? How do you know? Does the school deal with bullying issues? **"We do feel safe". "We don't see any bullying incidents really". "Some Main school kids have a go at TEC kids". MC explained that this is bullying behaviour and that steps are taken to challenge all examples of such behaviour across all areas of school by stopping the behaviour directly and responding to such matters by informing parents immediately.**
 - What makes behaviour good in the school?
"kids behave well if trips or matches are coming up". "If you don't behave, you get concerns".
 - How do the school staff help you?
"We get help in class with work". "Staff help us if we lose our heads and get angry"

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- Do you enjoy what you are taught?

"It depends, not all the time". "Most of the time I do though." "I don't really like my Vocational Option this term". MC explained that that is why we run Vocational Options in a carousel basis to try to give everyone the opportunity to experience of different vocational activities to help with decision making about possible future pathways.

- Is there anything else that you want to tell us?

"I'm glad that the football team is running again"

"I'm glad that we have started to go on trips again".

AOB. None

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21/12/2021

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AOB. . None

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21/12/2021

1. Minutes of the previous meeting. - **Accurate**
2. Matters arising. – **None**
3. Whole School issues. – **There are still many elements of school life that are being impacted by Covid restrictions, although we are fortunate that trips have taken place again this term, given that was a point raised in previous meetings. Pupils were also glad that Catering has now returned as a Vocational option as this was also something requested by School Council in the last meeting.**
4. School Attendance. **Attendance is still being severely impacted by Covid. School has also struggled to find supply cover for staff absence as there is currently a lack of availability of supply cover.**
5. H+S matters. **Water issues in classes has been resolved. Issues around doors has also been actioned.**
6. Governor questions to pupils:
 - Is this a safe school?
"Yes, school feels safe."
 - How do you know?
"When there are any issues, staff deal with them straight away"
 - Does the school deal with bullying issues?
"Yes. There aren't really many bullying issues here and when there are, it's usually just us arguing and the staff sort it out"
 - What makes behaviour good in the school?
"People usually always get on well with each other most of the time."

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- How do the school staff help you?
"They help me with work when I need help." "The following TA is always there in class for help." "All of the staff want to help us, even the ones that moan at us just want us to improve and get better".
- Do you enjoy what you are taught?
"It depends on the lesson." "Most of the time". I don't like all of my lessons but kids in mainstream get to choose options for Y9 and we can't." MC explained that this was down to the fact that mainstream schools have a lot more teachers and pupils available than we have, which forces us to think carefully about getting the right curriculum offer as a school, with all of your future aspirations in mind.
- Is there anything else that you want to tell us?
"Trips are great so try to keep them going". "Catering is brilliant and we all love doing catering as a Vocational option".

AOB. None

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13/07/2021

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AOB. None

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13/07/2021

1. Minutes of the previous meeting. - **Accurate**
2. Matters arising. – **Water in classes issue still needs to be resolved as two classrooms don't have water fountains. Door issues are still a problem. MC explained that SPIE (FM company) have had several visits to school to try to resolve issues where doors have been damaged. They are looking into new solutions to possibly replace all door frames with a reinforced structure. This is obviously going to be very costly and will therefore take time. MC is looking to trial mirrors on some doors in the hope of reducing doors being kicked.**
3. Whole School issues. – **Discussion of how Covid is still impacting on many of the things that pupils' value at school, such as inter schools' sports competitions and trips.**
4. School Attendance. **Again, this has been severely impacted by Covid.**
5. H+S matters. **Water in classrooms already discussed. Doors still need to be repaired as discussed. Outdoor Vocational area is much safer since the work was carried out by Y11 Works Experience pupils to make the area ready for imminent H+S inspection.**
6. Governor questions to pupils:
 - Is this a safe school?
" **Yes, school is safe.**"
 - How do you know?
" **It doesn't feel dangerous in school.**"
 - Does the school deal with bullying issues?
" **Yes, school does deal with bullying issues.**"
 - What makes behaviour good in the school?
" **Rewards for good behaviour.**" " **Also, punishment for bad behaviour.**"

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- How do the school staff help you?
"Support with work when needed." "It's easy to communicate with staff when you need help." "When you are having a hard time, it is easy to talk to staff."
- Do you enjoy what you are taught?
"Not all the time." "Sometimes." "It depends on what the lesson is." "I wish we could do Geography and History in Key Stage 4, but we only do it at KS3. MC explained that we don't have capacity on the timetable for more qualification subjects than what we currently teach. We only have 7 teachers and are limited by each qualification subjects Guided Learning Hours. (Pupil CWe accepted this explanation).
- Is there anything else that you want to tell us?
**"When I am angry, my TA keeps on talking to me and I would rather be left on my own." MC asked the pupil if the TA was trying to help? The pupils replied, "well yes, but I would rather be left on my own". MC to discuss this with TA. "TEC1 balls keep getting stuck on the roof. Can wire gauze be fitted on the roof to stop the balls getting stuck in the gutter?" MC to discuss this with the site manager and SPIE to see if a solution can be found.
Another pupil suggested "stop kicking the balls on the roof."**

AOB. None