

Student Voice Minutes



Student Voice Meeting
Wednesday 29th September 2022
In Room V20

Attendance

Erin Cameron – Chair
Ody Ozono – Secretary
Miss Harrison
Mrs Maslin
Mrs Mulgrew
Mr Selby
X = Present

	A	C	F	G	H	S
Year 7		X	X	X		X
Year 8		X	X	X		X
Year 9	X		X		X	X
Year 10		X	X	X		X
Year 11				x	x	

SLT Matters

- Miss Harrison said that next year, there will be changes to the uniform to make it cheaper
 - Erin told the students to raise this idea with their forms and get feedback and ideas

Change @ CCHS

- Students wanted more attention to be brought to Asian Heritage month
 - Erin agreed to speak to the diversity prefects about this, and also to Mrs Cross to feedback ideas for culture day
- Students would like a more diverse discussion on racism (especially to Asian people)
 - Erin agreed to speak to Mrs Buckley about including this in RTP
- Requests for details about culture day
 - Mrs Mulgrew told students that Mrs Cross is organising this with the diversity prefects and that details would be coming once things are finalised
- Students have requested that black history be taught in other years and not just year 9
 - Erin told students that time is limited as there are many important things that need to be taught, but she agreed to speak to Mrs Buckley about what could be done
- Requests to keep the LGBTQ+ flag up for longer during pride month
 - Erin said that she had spoken to Mr Hughes about this, and he said that there was an issue with birds being attracted to the flag and damaging it
 - She suggested that alternatively, a display board could be put up to celebrate LGBTQ+ people

Black history month:

- Students suggested that they wanted to see a talent show or performances
 - Erin agreed to bring this up with Mrs Cross and the diversity prefects
- Suggestions to raise money in school for black-owned businesses/charities
 - Mr Selby suggested that Erin speaks to Ms Porter about this to sort this out with the global citizenship prefects
 - Erin told the representatives to discuss charities and businesses with their classes and come up with suggestions
 - Students suggested a badge sale
 - Erin agreed to bring this up with Mrs Harrison, but warned them that there might be a limit on the number of badges allowed
- Students have also requested black speakers for assemblies or lunch time
 - Erin agreed to raise this with Mrs Cross

Teaching and Learning

- Students have requested more group activities for kinaesthetic learners
 - The student said that this would be especially useful for content heavy lessons such as science
 - Mr Selby agreed to think about this to see what he can do
- Students were wondering where they could find the specifications for their subjects
 - Mr Selby told students to find their GCSE specifications in the year 9 options booklet. He reassured students that even if the information is for the previous year, it will still be applicable to them.
 - Erin also said that students can ask their teachers for their exam boards and that they can find their specifications online
 - Year 8 students also reported feeling worried about GCSEs and they were wondering if they could have study workshops
 - Mr Selby reassured students that the KS3 curriculum is adequate preparation for GCSEs and that there will be more discussion of GCSEs in Year 9
- Students have reported feeling stressed about the number of pieces of homework they get per day
 - Mr Selby said that there is guidance on this and agreed to remind teachers of it
- Students also said that they often don't have time to do homework set on Fridays for the Monday
 - Mr Selby agreed to feed this back to the teachers

RTP

- Requests for a BSL programme
 - Erin reported that she has discussed this with Mrs Buckley and that it is currently in the works.
 - The year 8 representatives said that they would value this
- Students would like mental health sessions in RTP to be focused on prevention and awareness
 - Erin agreed to discuss this with Mrs Buckley
- Students have feedback that they prefer less writing in RTP
 - Erin told students that some writing is necessary as some things are very important, but she agreed to feed this back to Mrs Buckley
- Students have requested more coverage on topics such as drugs/money/lifestyle
 - Ody told students that more coverage normally comes when the topics are more relevant to students

- Representatives reported that students were not being properly warned of potentially triggering content before RTP
 - Erin agreed that this is an issue, and agreed to speak to Mrs Buckley about this
- Students have also asked for the RTP presentations should be put on teams
 - Erin agreed to bring this up with Mrs Buckley
 - She also suggested that an RTP plan for each year is published for students so that they know what topics they will be covering
- Complaints about the long paragraphs that are sometimes used in RTP PowerPoints
 - Mr Selby told students that sometimes this is necessary because there is standardised content that has to be taught to students

Student Enrichment

- Year 10 students have requested further details on the Jack Petchey speak out day
 - Erin agreed to get details on this from Mr Carter and feed this back to year 10 forms
- Students requested the reintroduction of school trips
 - Erin said that for year 10s and above, this may be difficult as there is limited time due to exam preparation
 - She also said that the school only has 3 days available for enrichment days in an academic year
 - Miss Harrison however did mention that there are things that are being planned and that students should look out for them

Student Life

- Students have requested a reintroduction of non-uniform days to raise money for charity
 - Erin told students that these have been discontinued as they made some students feel uncomfortable
 - She suggested that it may be possible to have themed non-uniform days, and agreed to talk to the Global Citizenship prefects about this
- Requests for a bench ball team/club
 - Miss Harrison said that this was a good idea, and Erin said she'd speak to Miss Bellamy
 - Further requests for a dodgeball team
 - Erin said that the PE timetable is quite full, but agreed to look into it
- Complaints made about students coming too early to lessons and causing congestion
 - Erin said that this problem will reduce over time, as students are still getting used to the school
 - She also suggested that students follow the one-way system to reduce congestion
 - Erin told the year 7 representatives to feedback to their forms that they are allowed to wait for their teachers in their classrooms, **except for science and drama**
- Students have complained about the location of their lockers
 - Mrs Mulgrew told students that lockers cannot be moved as there is no space
- Requests for more pegs
 - Miss Harrison told students to put their bags in their form rooms at lunch times
 - Mrs Mulgrew also added that bags being left all over the floor is a fire hazard so students should avoid this at all costs
- Students were unsure about whether they are allowed to leave their bags in classrooms in assembly
 - Erin told students that they can leave their bags in the back of their classrooms to reduce disruption to lessons if assembly overruns

PA

- Students have requested a year 9 disco for years 9 and above
 - Erin agreed to speak to the PA senior prefects about this

Premises and repairs

- Requests for the soap dispensers in the Bancroft soap dispensers to be refilled
 - Mrs Mulgrew said that this has now been done
- Requests for the thumb machine for checking lunch money in the canteen to be fixed
 - Mrs Mulgrew said that the machine is not owned by the school, but that she will speak to the company
- Complaints about the space in A7
 - Mrs Mulgrew said that this can be looked at again, but that changes have already been made
- Students have requested for newer computers
 - Mrs Mulgrew said that £60,000 has been spent over the summer on new computers
- Requests for tissues to be kept in classrooms
 - Mrs Mulgrew told students to bring their own if they need them
- Concerns about the red (blood?) stains on the mirrors in the year 7 toilets
 - Mrs Mulgrew said that this is likely to be red paint, and that it is definitely not blood

Any other business

Lunch

- Students have requested a coffee machine in the canteen
 - Mrs Mulgrew told students that the school is unable to sell caffeine to under 16's, but that hot chocolate will be available in the canteen during the winter

Feedback from Mrs Mulgrew:

- All dining hall staff adhere to food hygiene standards, on which we are inspected annually. Hair coverings are worn by staff preparing food.
- Students are able to buy lunch, but not snacks or drinks, if they have run out of credit. We cannot let debt fall below £5 however if there is an issue, please speak to Mrs Mulgrew. No student is ever allowed to go hungry. Students need to advise parents / guardians to top up when necessary – parent pay does allow for low balance warnings and automatic top ups so really no-one should be running out of credit.
- There are sufficient spaces for everyone to sit providing people actually stick to their allocated time slots. Years 7 should aim to vacate their seats by 12.45pm – 12.50pm where possible. There is no feasible alternative for additional seating at this time.
- The queues are not particularly long, especially if everyone sticks to their allocated time. Nobody is queuing for more than 10 minutes at a maximum – we serve approximately 1 meal every 5 seconds. All service is usually complete by 1pm. If students want a different system, the only other option is to introduce three sittings.
- Lunch menus are about to change, so we will publish these to students. We cannot guarantee that the published menu will be accurate on the day though due to global food shortages and supply chain issues.
- There is plenty of food for Y8 & 9, we are yet to see any food run out unless we have a shortage of it in the first place. We certainly don't run out of food by 12.50pm. We may run out of a specific pasta sauce but there are always alternatives available.
- Please provide suggestions for healthier snacks and we can look into it.
- Prices of snacks / food are not set by us, but by our catering provider. Prices are reflective of current food prices, which is approximately 10% higher than last year.

Uniform

- Students have requested more modest swimsuits/PE kits
 - Miss Harrison told representatives that this will be happening next year
- Requests for students to be permitted to wear badges on their blazers
 - Erin agreed to speak to Miss Harrison about this
- Students have requested to be allowed to adjust their kilt length
 - Miss Harrison told students that they are allowed to make kilts longer, but not shorter- **kilts must be below the knee**
- Requests for students to be allowed scrunchies
 - Miss Harrison said that she wasn't aware that scrunchies were against school rules, but that she doesn't see why this would be a problem
 - Ody added that all hair accessories should be school coloured
- Students have asked for clarification of the rules on religious accessories
 - Miss Harrison said that religious accessories must be discreet, but that they are permitted, and teachers will be sensitive of people's religious beliefs
- Clarification on hair colours allowed for students
 - Miss Harrison reminded students that all natural hair colours are allowed for everyone
 - She added that dip dyed hair is not allowed