

Student Voice Minutes



Student Voice Meeting
Wednesday 30th September 2020
Via MS Teams

Attendance

Mary-Beth Kogbe –chair

Fleur Smith –secretary

Miss Harrison (had to leave halfway through due to another meeting)

Mrs Mulgrew

	C	G	H	S	F	A
Year 7	Oviya Vashisth	absent	Fatima Ahmed	Abhinaya Naren	Leia Beaken	Katie Maddison
Year 8	Sara Khan	Arya Bagmar	Nafisa Sanna	Fran Maranca	Alina Berezina	
Year 9	Lillie Mizera & Kavya Agilan	Mackenzie Lister	Shaniya Fatema Shaniya	Habibah Ahmad	Tara Kaerhikeyan	
Year 10	Humairaa Mohmmmed	Stephanie Tomide-Johnson	Rhythm Dhir	Matilda Mitchell	Ankita Tiwari	
Year 11	Mariella Jasper	Emilia Bozza & Sandhana Ray	Swati Singh	Mahnoor Dewan	Rose Whitwam	

Senior Leadership

Ideas for board games and outdoor games equipment

- Miss Harrison suggested that board games and outdoor games equipment could be available for use of year group bubbles during lunch and break times as it is difficult to run clubs under current COVID procedures due to the mixing of our bubbles. Miss Harrison asked for feedback on whether students would like this
 - Students said this would be a good idea, and especially asked if card games could be included in this
 - One student raised that many girls in her form are already bringing in card games from home
 - Some asked if there was a way the school could provide some games to form groups to use so they don't have to bring games from home
 - Some students were concerned about outdoor games equipment such as ball as if the ball rolls into another year groups' outdoor area there may be some mixing of bubbles

COVID procedure

Reminder of COVID rules

- It was raised that some staff are forgetting the COVID rules within the classroom, especially the rules surrounding handing out paper and keeping two metres between students and teachers at all times
 - Miss Harrison explained there had been a faculty leader meeting on the evening of Tuesday 29th September, where she had already raised this issue, asking faculty leaders to feed back to all faculty staff with a reminder about the COVID rules
 - Miss Harrison also added this can be added as a reminder to weekly staff meetings
- It was suggested that there may be a possibility of a whole school email reminding all students and staff of a clear list of COVID safety rules

Students leave school

- Concern was raised by many students that bubbles were being mixed when leaving school as people queue for traffic lights crossing as well as leave via the languages gate, meaning many students from different years are in close proximity all at once
 - Mary Beth explained this issue had also already been raised at sixth form council and was being looked at by SLT
 - One student asked about the possibility of staggered leaving times so to reduce the number of people leaving the school at once
 - **This will be looked into**
 - Miss Harrison raised as an easy initial solution that students should not loiter and wait for friends outside of school in order to reduce the number of people waiting as they try to leave school
 - Fleur raised that if there is a necessity to wait for a friend, students should be encouraged to wait in the indent in the road outside of Keene Homes in order to keep people off of the pavements when waiting
- Students also raised concern about year groups entering and exiting the school through the wrong entrance – especially year groups using the junior entrance
 - It was suggested an email could be sent reminding students which entrance and exit they should be using
 - It was also suggested that at the beginning of term, teachers were stood on the doors monitoring who used them, however this had now stopped and people had begun to use the wrong doors since there were no monitors. Students requested that the doors could be monitored again to prevent this

Cold season

- Students raised concerns that as we go into winter, cold season begins. Students were concerned about people coming into school with symptoms similar to coronavirus. It was suggested that people were anxious both about catching coronavirus whilst in school and also about catching a cold in case it lowers peoples' immune systems, making them more susceptible to catch COVID and have worse symptoms
 - Due to this, students suggested that anyone with symptoms of a cold should be asked to stay at home in order to prevent colds being spread through the school
 - Mary Beth explained to students this would not be possible as the vast majority of students get a cold over winter and, having missed so much in school teaching already, missing more days of school for a cold would be detrimental to peoples learning

- Mary Beth also reminded students that not everyone is in a position where students can simply stay at home due to parents being at work (this applies especially to younger girls)

Premises and canteen

Library and printer use

- Students raised issues about being unsure of when they have library access
 - Mary Beth said she will get the library access timetable and email this around to all year groups, so people know when they have access to the library
 - Following the meeting, Fleur followed up the access to the library and has a timetable, however Mrs Martin requests that all students are reminded to check their emails regularly as she had sent the library timetable prior to this
- Students were also very concerned about access to printers especially exam year groups, who wanted access to print things both for class and revision. This was especially a problem with some teachers requesting that sheets were printed for lessons when some girls have no printer at home and no access in school
 - During the meeting both Fleur and Mary Beth were unsure of the access to printers available to years 7-11 and so agreed to look into this
 - Following the meeting, Fleur followed up on printer access and found that lower school currently have no access to printers as sixth formers use fobs to print their work so not to touch the printer and lower school do not have fobs
 - Mary Beth suggested that an email is sent to all teachers informing them that students do not have printer access so that teachers are not asking for students to print worksheets for lessons

Uniform

Warmer clothes

- Due to COVID procedures, all doors and windows must be kept open at all times. This is causing issues for some students, who are now finding the classrooms very cold. There was a suggestion at the start of term we could wear coats when the temperature was too low
 - Students suggested coats were difficult to wear in class as they made it hard to write as they are so big; as an alternative the girls asked if there is a possibility of wearing hoodies/sweatshirts which are less bulky but still warm
 - There was also a suggestion that some teachers were asking students to remove coats in class so students requested confirmation that they can wear something warmer over the top of school uniform
 - Mary Beth agreed to look further into this as neither her nor Fleur knew the exact answer as to whether students can wear hoodies in class
- A student also asked if we could find out if they may be able to wear warmer clothes over the PE kit on days in which they have PE lessons. They asked that students are allowed to wear plain black tracksuit bottoms and/or leggings as the school uniform tracksuits are expensive and do not fit the girls in a flattering way, which some girls find uncomfortable
 - Mary Beth agreed to discuss this with both Miss Harrison and the PE Department to see if there is a solution to this problem

Other business

Use of laptops

- Students requested that they could bring in laptops to use in school as access to computers is now limited and it would allow them access to worksheets without printing them, which is now challenging for those without printers at home as there is no access to printers in school
 - Fleur explained to students that is unfortunately not a possibility as the school cannot take any responsibility for loss or damage of laptops, which are expensive items that parents would be cross if got damaged/lost

Clubs

- Students asked about the possibility of clubs starting again soon during lunchtimes
 - Mary Beth explained that this is currently not possible due to COVID as clubs mix bubbles, especially as they are normally run by sixth form, meaning mixing of bubbles even further

House events

- The students asked about house events starting, including house karaoke
 - Mary Beth explained that there are currently meetings about which house events will be possible to run, however explained the issue with singing for house karaoke