



School Council Meeting

Friday 17th January 2025

Present

Key Stage 1 & 2 School Council representatives from all classes, Years 1 - 6
Mrs Talbot

Minutes

Welcome and register.

Introduced the discussion topics of the session –

Discussion Points	Information
1. School Closures	<p>Mrs Talbot explained the issues with the school site when there was a snowfall. These included:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Site team must make sure that there is a clean path for all children, parents and staff to enter and exit the school site safely. When there is a snowfall in the early morning it takes over two hours to clear the site. The site team use rock salt and spread it over the paths. Sometimes it does the job. Sometimes the temperature is too cold for the rock salt to melt the ice. Mrs Talbot must make sure that the site is safe. If it is unsafe Mrs Talbot and the Chair of Governors make the decision to close the school. ➤ Mrs Talbot said she had to think about the staff who work in the school also. When the roads and paths are slippy, it may not be safe for them to come to school. ➤ The school has a School Closure plan. Mrs Talbot is contacted at 5.00am if there are problems with the school site. ➤ If the decision is to close the school Mrs Talbot or a member of the Joanne's team put a message on dojo and on the school website. Mrs Talbot tries to make an early decision to help parents/carers who need to make arrangements for children to be looked after. ➤ Mrs Talbot talked about the problems with the school boilers. The problem if the boilers do not fire up is that the school remains very cold... too cold for children and staff to work in classrooms. ➤ When the boilers aren't working there is no hot/warm water which is needed when children and staff wash their hands. <p>Mrs Talbot reassured the children that the site team do everything they possibly can to keep the school open.</p>
2. Pantomime Trip – whole school opportunity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Mrs Talbot apologised to the children that the school pantomime trip could not go ahead in the usual way. Due to a snow flurry, followed by a 'snow bomb' the site was unsafe for anyone to come onto it. ➤ FoLPS came up with a creative solution so that parents could take their child to the panto.

	<p>➤ Mrs Talbot said the decision to do a whole school trip (almost – Years 1 – 6) had been made by the adults. She wanted to know whether the children thought this was a good idea.</p>
3. School Trips	<p>Mrs Talbot asked for feedback regarding the trips teachers organise. She mentioned trips travelling to Liverpool and Chester (by train) as well as trip by coach. She mentioned walking trips in the local area.</p> <p>Discussion was had about the trips where children in Years 3 to 6 can stay overnight (Condover, Conway and London).</p> <p>Mrs Talbot was interested to see whether the children thought these kind o trips were a good idea.</p>

Discussion Points	Responses
1. School Closure	<p>The children understood the need for closure. One child wanted to know on the snowy days why Captains/Pirates had to finish at 5.00pm not 6.00pm. Mrs Talbot explained that the early closure was to give the site team opportunities to get the site ready for the following day without anybody else there.</p> <p>Children wanted to know why they weren't allowed on the back playground on snowy days. Mrs Talbot said that the back playground doesn't not get any warmth from the winter sun, so the ground remains frozen. She said that she had to do a risk assessment. If there was a risk that it was slippy enough for someone to fall, she couldn't let the children and staff go onto it.</p> <p>Some children said they liked the snow days so they could stay at home and play out in the snow.</p> <p>Mrs Talbot said that if a snow closure meant that the school was closed for a few days everyone would have to learn remotely. Most children did not like the thought of this.</p>
2. Pantomime Trip	<p>The children shared mixed views. Some went to the pantomime. Some were disappointed they didn't get to go. A minority said that they did not want to go because it would be too noisy.</p>
3. School Trips	<p>The children present said that they enjoyed school trips, even if it meant walking to the railway station. Key Stage 2 children present said they loved the idea of staying away from home for a couple of days. Year 5 and 6 representatives loved the idea of going to London.</p>

Actions

1. Children to feedback to class about the process of school closures.
2. Representatives to ask class if they would like school and FoLPS to organise a pantomime trip next year.
3. Representatives to ask classmates whether they enjoy school trips and want them to be organised in the future.