

Minutes of the School Council meeting held on 22nd January, 2015

Agenda

1. Reports from Committees
2. Healthy Living Awards scheme
3. School Food Standards (pre-meeting with Mr. Cohen)
4. How could home learning be improved?
5. How has Mrs. Richards improved P.E. lessons?
6. What makes us proud of Calow Primary School?
7. Date and time of next meeting

1. The Chair of Personnel Committee reported that they had met with Miss. Hadfield to see how she had settled in. Miss. Hadfield was very positive and told the Committee staff were very welcoming. The Chair of Health and Safety Committee had met with Mr. Cohen (to be reported at item 3). The Anti-Bullying Committee had not met recently.
2. The School Council made a number of suggestions of how the Awards scheme could be improved. These include: additions to the booklet: putting pictures in for younger children; and completing some of the scheme at School. Several suggestions have already been given to Mr. Cohen.
3. Erin reported to the School Council that Mr. Cohen had met with the Health and Safety Committee to discuss the School Food Standard. A file had been produced with information about food at Calow Primary e.g. Eggs that are used are free-range: all food is sourced from Britain. A survey of favourite meals has been carried out. Pictures have been taken of meals at School. The Committee have been using the School Food Standard checklist. It was suggested that the School Council visit the kitchen to observe meals being prepared. Mr. Thacker explained that he would need to talk to the School cook and work out how they could observe without going into the kitchen for reasons of hygiene and health and safety.
4. School Council members gave several views following consultation with their classes. Some thought home learning should be more challenging, while others thought it should be easier. Some suggested they should not have home learning during the holidays. Project based learning is popular and children said they enjoyed craft activities most. The School Council thought there could be home learning clubs after school. Mr. Thacker said he would speak with staff about this idea.
5. The School Council agreed that Mrs. Richards had helped to improve P.E. Her lessons were enjoyable and exciting. There was lots of new learning for pupils and teachers. She provided tips for safety and improved pupils' confidence. Gymnastics and Dance had been particularly popular with children.
6. There were many suggestions about what made children proud of our School. These include: the School environment (including the butterfly house and gardens); links with the community e.g charity work and CFC; staff who are kind and helpful (especially the friendly Headteacher); after school activities; children looking after each other; being a healthy school; visitors and visits; School library; School choir, playground pals; "we are Christians"; "because it's full of love".
7. The date of the next meeting is 26th February, 2015.