

Notes from January half term meeting of the SMART Student Council 16/01/2017 at Looe Community Academy.

Student Council members present

Role	Looe	Trewidand	Liskeard	Dobwalls	Saltash.net	Landulph
Organiser 1	Morgan		James		Amelia	
Organiser 2	Mia		Sam			
SC1	Nathan	Margaret	Reece	Charlotte	Hollie	Sophie
SC2	Sophie	Ruby	Poppy	Cody	Jasmine	Harry
SC3		Sheree	Reilly		Drew	Evie
SC4		Milly			Ashleigh	



The student organisers asked questions and the following suggestions emerged from each group. All the suggestions in the 'top 5 ideas' section have been included in the actions section. E.g. the items highlighted in yellow are part of action 1 and so on.

1. Group 1

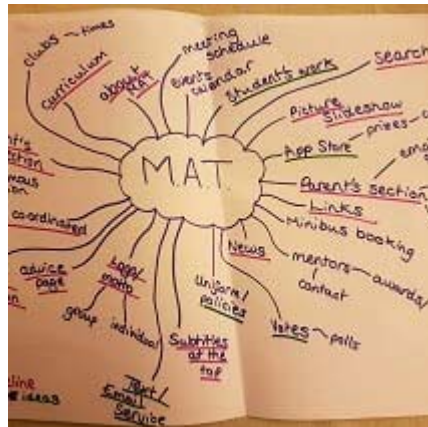
a. Top 5 ideas

- i. An APP store for challenges that lead to competitions and prizes
- ii. Student work from all the schools appearing on the site
- iii. Uniform policies for all the schools on the site
- iv. Ability to run polls and votes on issues for student council to discuss
- v. Text/Email for any student to get a message to the council.

b. Other ideas

- i. Meeting schedule should be on the site for the council
- ii. Events calendar including clubs and times
- iii. Menu sections to include
 1. About the MAT – including explanations
 2. Search bar
 3. Picture slideshow

4. Parent's section
 5. Student section including - Links page
 6. News page and updates page
 7. Advice section
- iv. Subtitles where needed
 - v. FAQ and help section for parents and one for students
 - vi. Contact email addresses for advice, support and mentors
 - vii. Logo and motto for the MAT as well as for each school



2. Group 2

a. Top 5 ideas

- i. **Fred or Jeff the paperclip** In the children section- a help section for homework support, advice, chat to a teacher or expert child. Examples of how to do homeworks
- ii. **Colours rather than black + Sounds, music and voices** – like autoclips that play in facebook
- iii. **Different photo effects** – like in Powerpoint where pictures fly in or fade etc.
- iv. **Exciting tabs in bubbles** – other ways to navigate around other than just a menu, maybe not even a menu
- v. **Children's work and artwork** – as the background and on the site

b. Other Ideas

- i. Voices of children to welcome visitors
- ii. Maths games like links to Cool Math, Math Playground or Top Marks
- iii. No black on the site
- iv. Map of where all the schools are
- v. Design effects for interest like – Photos as polaroid pictures, bubbles, borders

3. Group 3

a. Top 5

- i. Slide show of all the schools
- ii. Slogans (mission statements) for all the schools
- iii. Logo to link with sports specifically
- iv. **SMART** calendar and dates

- v. Logos of other schools when clicked on – links to the schools
- b. Other ideas
 - i. Customised link to ‘show my homework’
 - ii. Logo could have a track around it to signify the connection with sport
 - iii. Search bar
 - iv. Slide show so others can see the benefits of joining the MAT and the links
 - v. SMART – definition of what we stand for
 - vi. Drop down bar to include all the subjects and what they are doing
- 4. Websites used that should be listed
 - a. Top 5 ideas
 - i. Links to all the websites used by schools and which schools use them
 1. Kahoot – S,Lo,Li
 2. Kerboodle – Lo
 3. Memrise –Li, S
 4. Class Dojo – S,D
 5. GCSE Pod – Lo
 6. Bitesize – S,Lo,Li,La,D,T
 7. Languages online – S,Lo
 8. MyMaths – S,Lo,Li
 9. Show my homework – Lo,Li
 10. Quizlet – S,Li
 11. Active learn – S,Li
 12. Team app – Lo
 13. Vivo Edge – Lo
 14. Edmodo – S
 - ii. FAQ – frequently asked questions pages
 - iii. Voting for the top 10 concerns
 - iv. A logo specifically for the student council / MAT board
 - v. A group photo showing all the council members
 - b. Other ideas
 - i. Meeting schedule
 - ii. Events calendar
 - iii. Balanced colours
 - iv. Bring articles for publishing to the meetings (newspaper ones already edited would be even better)
 - v. A hashtag to link all the tweets on our twitter feed
 - vi. Email or way of sending good work for the website
 - vii. Competition prizes

Conclusions

1. Agreement that there should be a main menu item called ‘SMART leaders’ and in this menu item should be the student council /MAT board where the pages for the student council sits.
 - a. Action required
 - i. Mr L to add this menu item and under it, the student leadership page(s)

- ii. MR B to ask the core group to decide if other leadership parts of the website can go under this heading and if so, agree to the student request. If not, the second choice was that it would go under governance alongside the MAT board.
 - iii. Mr L to propose design for the student page to link to other items below including minutes of meetings and a calendar for new meetings and a group photo of the student councils.
- 2. **Agreement** that there should be a web team of one representative per school to work closely with Mr L in the design stage. These will be Mia (Looe), Jasmin (Saltash), Milly (Trewidland), Evie (Landulph), Sam (Liskeard).
 - a. Action required
 - i. Mr B to link this group to Mr L by email
 - ii. This group to commit to getting back to Mr L as soon as possible when he asks for advice or feedback
- 3. **Agreement** that there should be 'contact the student council' page for help and advice (could use the logo of Fred the paperclip !!)
 - a. Action required
 - i. Mr L to set up an email address for students to submit to which requests a school email account be used to contact the council. Mr L rejects any not sent from one of our school domains and passes the rest to ?? to pass to council. Attachments allowed for competition entry.
 - ii. Mr L to set up a poll function also on this page
 - iii. Mr L to also have a link to an FAQ page.
 - iv. Mr L to also add the links page to this
- 4. **Agreement** that there will be a page showing current competitions on the website that attract children to it and offers prizes. The work that is made can be displayed on the site and the council meetings can decide the winners. Entries can be sent in by email or uploaded to the site. This will be called the APP store if we can use that name or something similar. The council will decide challenges for each half term so that children of all ages can get involved – so a number of different competitions at different ages. A closed part of the site will be for student council only so they can look at competition entries etc.
 - a. Actions required for this to happen
 - i. Mr L to add a 'Current competitions' link to the contact the council page or just a space on this page to download a document that will contain the competition for this half term. Also this will need a 'competition winners' page to display winners work.
 - ii. Web design team to provide Mr L with the first competition that requires student work to be uploaded
 - iii. Mr B to arrange a budget for prizes
 - iv. Mr L to create a secure space that Student Council members only can get to where they can download competition entries for judging etc.
- 5. After reviewing the site the students gave the following advice to consider
 - a. Colours of the rainbow rather than a black line
 - b. Ability to add video clips and sound

- c. The slideshow of the schools should have their slogans appearing and if you click on either the logo or slogan it should take you there
- d. Exciting elements like photo transitions and different shapes (bubbles!)
- e. Logo design including possibly a different one for the Student MAT board





Planning of future events

1. Should be primary and secondary mixed
2. Should be 4 or 5 children per school
3. Should start with a warm up event as a whole group to learn names
4. Should break into groups requiring a pair of children from each school – 3 pairs per group to make groups of 6 per group
5. The event should be at a different school each time and include a school tour with lesson observations.
6. Students should bring their own packed lunch
7. Should be student led
8. Should include voting for a winner of at least one competition held in the schools
9. Each discussion should conclude by each group feeding back their top 5 responses
10. A laptop, paper, pens, markers, post-its and poster paper should be available for use
11. An expert in the area being discussed should be invited to help.

Next event in **[29th March at Dobwalls School ?? – proposed to be agreed]**

Proposed Agenda

1. Web team to show what has happened with the website and how far we are.
Discussion to decide any further changes that are needed.
2. Discussion to decide on competitions and prizes that will attract people to the website. Like the APP store – some challenges.

3. Main discussion – How does student leadership work in the MAT? (This was the priority agreed in the last meeting so assuming it is still the priority now). Questions might include...
 - a. Should the election process be the same for all schools?
 - b. What is the calendar of events for the year e.g. when elections happen etc.?
 - c. How are concerns and ideas from each year group heard?
 - d. How do all students in the school find out what the council has decided?
 - e. How should head students be elected or should each school decide?
 - f. How do you get certificates for leadership skills for taking part?
 - g. What training should be provided to councillors and who should do it?
 - h. How do we link with other MAT councils? Can they use our plan?
 - i. Should we do YouTube guides?
 - j. You decided that student council should monitor student leadership programmes e.g. Sports leaders, at each school. Which programmes and how should they be monitored.
 - k. You decided the student council should run like the MAT board – how should the two be linked together?
 - l. What are the rules that school governors work to? Should ours be the same?