

Notes from half term meeting of the SMART Student Council 02/02/2018 at Trewidland Primary School

Student Council members present

Role	Looe	Trewidand	Liskeard	Dobwalls	Saltash.net	Landulph
SC1	Elizabeth	Oliver	James	Kekessa	Cora	Evie
SC2	Max	Milly	Jaeda	Milli	Kaja	Harry
SC3	Lilly	Izaac	Jamie	Eric	India	Sophia
SC4		Rebecca	Maddie			
SC5						

Adult facilitators – Mr Buckley, CEO SMART Multi Academy Trust and Mrs Yelland, PA to Mr Buckley to record notes from the meeting.



Focus for this meeting

To have a plan in place to launch the leadership scheme across all six schools, discuss the progress of the Trust Board reports and start thinking about what level 2 of the leadership scheme will look like.

Session 1 – Update on leadership scheme level 1 by each school

Dobwalls

Dobwalls were not represented at the previous SMART Student Council meeting therefore, Mr Buckley attended their last local Student Council to provide feedback of the day. They have not yet launched the scheme and will be presenting in an assembly soon.

Landulph

Landulph have already launched the leadership scheme to the school. So many students wanted to apply for the badges after the launch that they ran out of badges! One student has completed the three tasks to earn their leadership badge fully. Eleven other pupils are currently completing their second and third tasks to gain their level 1 badge. The applicants presented the results of their tasks in an assembly. One student made a picture of the countryside using all natural resources e.g. grass, for grass and sheep's wool for the sheep. The students concluded that you should be awarded a badge after earning 120 – 140 points. Landulph are going to set a challenge once a term for the students who have been awarded a badge, to ensure they should still retain the badge.

Looe

Looe are on schedule with launching the scheme and have an assembly booked in to present to the school either next week or the week after half term. They have selected panel members and know where they are going to store the leadership forms.

Liskeard

The Student Council has not met since the last SMART meeting therefore; they have not yet launched the leadership scheme to the local Student Council or to the school. My Buckley to follow this up with staff at Liskeard.

Saltash

The Student Council have not awarded many badges. However, they have been promoting the scheme in the school individually to pupils but very few pupils are engaged at the moment. The scheme has not yet been launched to the school in an assembly. Mr Buckley assured the Council that it doesn't matter if many students don't want to apply and that it more important that the students understand the value of the badges, rather than the amount of students awarded the badges.

Trewidland

Trewidland reported they have set the students their tasks and six pupils have been awarded badges so far. Students are requesting the badges therefore; the council are setting tasks for them.

Session 2 – Trust Board reports

Mr Buckley reported that from September, SMART will be given a sum of money to be used for their schools. Mr Buckley explained that the MAT are trialling this scheme where the students are going to report to the Trust Board their recommendations stating where they think the money should be spent rather than the MAT deciding. He believes that SMART are the first MAT in the country to try this approach.

Landulph Student Council presented their recommendations report to their Local Governing Committee on 31st January.

Liskeard have made good progress on their report and need to add photographs before it is submitted. They plan to present it to Year 7 and 8 assemblies before submitting the report to the Local Governing Committee and Trust Board.

All the other schools reported that they have their reports in hand.

Session 3 – Decide on how best to use the rest of the meeting

Mr Buckley explained that there are four options for today:

- A. Start work on level 2 of the leadership scheme and what it should look like.
- B. Get all schools ready and confident in launching level 1 of the scheme to their school.
- C. Use today to start compiling the premises report for each school.
- D. What do the students want to do?

After a vote, it was decided to complete the level 1 leadership launch so that it is standard across the six schools. Mr Buckley advised the aim is to find out what are our 10 rules to launch the scheme in the assemblies.

The students broke into mixed school groups to discuss what they think should be included and reported back after the discussions had finished.

(See attachments).

Mr Buckley asked for the students' views on whether incentives should be launched with the scheme or just the scheme alone.

Mr Buckley suggested each completed leadership task sheet could be entered in to a raffle and once a year a student would win a prize; the students voted and agreed that this would be a good idea. It was decided that there should be a winner in each school and the value of the prize the same across primary and secondary schools. The Council agreed £20.00 voucher as the prize. Mr Buckley reiterated that when an applicant has completed a challenge, the SMART form needs to be fully completed and kept in a safe place. Mr Buckley will approach local businesses to see if they would like to sponsor the raffle.

One group suggested that each local Student Council decides on tasks that need to be completed, school pupils then vote on what they think should be completed and the leadership tasks are based around that vote and completed by the applicants.

Mr Buckley also suggested a leadership awards ceremony for the end of the school year and asked the students to think about this.

Session 4 – Lesson observations and tour of the school

The groups then split up to complete lesson observations and a tour of the school.

Session 5a – Ideas for level 2 of the leadership scheme

Half of the students started to brainstorm ideas for level 2.

It was decided that only the Team Leader of a task and team could be awarded level 2 after successfully completing a project. The Team Leader would then become a team member again to give another pupil a chance to complete their level 2 task. Suggestions for leadership tasks:

- Organise an event such as fundraising or a sports event
- Organise a 'wall' in school and be in charge of what is on the wall

Session 5b – Ideas for rewards and benefits for level 1 leadership scheme

The other half of the student started to brainstorm ideas for the above:

- Raffle – tickets increase with level of the scheme
- House points
- Lunch pass – more privileges for higher levels on the scheme

Mr Buckley will contact staff in the secondary schools to discuss the Student Councils having time out to complete their Trust Board reports.

By the next MAT meeting each school will be able to provide feedback on how the leadership launch went and how the scheme is going.

The meeting concluded early due to minibus resources.