

Trust Student Council meeting notes – 6th December at 4.30 p.m. via Teams

Executive Summary

- **Actions**
 - **All Councillors to send in any suggestions for our 6 questions by 4th January.**
 - **Mrs Yelland to circulate the 6 questions at least two weeks before.**
 - **All Councillors to collect the opinions of as many children as they can.**

- **Key Decisions**
 - **Bertie and Harry to chair in January.**

Present:

Mrs Ball, Headteacher at Landulph

Mrs Yelland, PA to the CEO

Mr Evans, Head of Sixth Form at Saltash

Mr Saberton, Teacher and Head of Year at Looe

Mr Downes, Teacher and Head of Year at Liskeard

Student Councillors present:

Joe (Saltash), Malachi (Liskeard), Yasmin (Dobwalls), Ruby (Landulph), Erin (Saltash), Megan (Landulph), Harry (Liskeard), Eden (Trewidland), Ysella (Looe), Jack (Looe), Luna (Trewidland), Neythen (Trewidland), Lucca (Dobwalls), Arthur (Dobwalls), Charlie (Dobwalls), James (Looe), Harriet (Landulph), Isla (Liskeard), Faith (Liskeard), Ava (Liskeard), Billie (Liskeard), Fleur (Saltash).

Apologies:

Mr Buckley, CEO

Mrs Pipe, Headteacher at Dobwalls

Mr Lovell, Headteacher at Trewidland

Mrs Spence, Curriculum Lead at Landulph

Olivia from Liskeard

Meeting started at 16.31.

Outline of meeting

Mrs Ball welcomed everybody to the meeting and explained that Mr Buckley sends his apologies as he has been called away to another meeting.

Rules of these meetings

Mrs Ball stated the rules as follows:

- Cameras can be on, but please ensure your background is blurred, or that there is no one else in the camera view.
- If you wish to speak, click on the 'raise hand' icon and wait for the Chair of the meeting to invite you to speak.
- Always keep your microphone on mute unless the Chair of the meeting invites you to speak.
- When you have been invited to speak, unmute your microphone and if you wish to (we would advise you to if you can) turn your camera on. When you have finished speaking turn your microphone off again.
- If you don't have a microphone that works, or you are uncomfortable with speaking, you can type your answers into the 'Chat'. If you don't have chat either you can send an email to Rachel.Yelland@smart-trust.net or your co-ordinator.

Introductions

Everybody on the call introduced themselves.

Notes from previous meetings

Mrs Ball reiterated that these meetings focus on positives and that problems should be taken to directly to a teacher in your school.

Mrs Ball asked the councillors to raise their hands if they agreed that the notes from the last meeting were an accurate record.

Students raised their hands in agreement.

Mrs Ball welcomed Joe and thanked him for volunteering to chair the meeting.

1. Libraries in our schools

What are the **best things about your school library?** Or,

*All our schools have **libraries set up in different ways.** What are the **best aspects of your library** that we should **copy in all our libraries?** Are there other new ideas for how we could improve our libraries and how they are used?*

Name	School	Feedback/suggestion
Malachi	Liskeard	More tables and introduce iPads.
Megan	Landulph	Sensory corner.
James	Looe	Calm and good for meetings but students would like a Young Adults section.
Eden	Trewidland	Organised and easy to find books.
Luna	Trewidland	As above.
Neythen	Trewidland	A relaxing place to read.
Erin	Saltash	A large range of books available.
Ruby	Landulph	Would like it to be larger but enjoy the fact it is run by students.

2. Environmental work

How could we **make our schools more environmentally friendly?** Or,

*We are currently changing all our lighting to LED across the whole Trust, we have now put in charging points for electric cars and none of our waste goes to landfill. All these processes take time so you may not see changes happening straight away but **what should be on our list for further improvements** so we can **continue to reduce our impact on the environment?***

Name	School	Feedback/suggestion
Megan	Landulph	Automatic lights in the toilets
Malachi	Liskeard	More bins around the site and change the school browser to Ecosia – the search engine that plants trees.
Eden	Trewidland	More eco-friendly outdoor equipment.
Neythen	Trewidland	More plants around the school.
Jack	Looe	To reduce the issue of seagulls pulling litter out of bins, introduce seagull-proof bins.
Luna	Trewidland	Introduce bug hotels and more wildlife habitats in the school field.
Isla	Liskeard	More eco-friendly equipment similar to Eden's feedback.
Lucca	Dobwalls	Introduce 'wrapper free' days.

Ruby	Landulph	More greenery around the school and turn off lights when rooms are not in use.
Ysella	Looe	Sheltered bins to reduce seagull issues.
Mr Evans (on behalf of a Saltash student)	Saltash	Recycle food waste and packaging more efficiently. Focus on an Earth Day in a drop down day.
Harriet	Landulph	Eat more foods that we grow.

3. Clubs and Extra-Curricular

Which of our **clubs** in schools **are** so **great** they **should be in every school**? Are there any that pupils run? Could pupils run more of these? Or,

Which clubs are in your school that are **working really well** and **why**? **How** does your **school** make these **accessible** to people who catch buses or can't afford them? **If you could choose one additional club that you yourself would attend, what would it be?**

Name	School	Feedback/suggestion
Luna	Trewidland	School enjoys – movie, chess and PE clubs.
Ruby	Landulph	Football club and more breaktime clubs introduced.
Neythen	Trewidland	Most popular – chess club. Students would like more clubs to run.
Harry	Liskeard	Sports clubs (e.g. dodge ball, cricket). They would like a new handball club. Some students run a film club, where they shoot and play videos.
James	Looe	Clubs could be better advertised to increase attendance.
Megan	Landulph	Year 6 students could run more clubs.
Arthur	Dobwalls	More football and dodgeball clubs.
Isla	Liskeard	Popular – aerial ropes, football and netball.
Faith	Liskeard	Clubs could be better advertised and more opportunities for girls.

4. Pupil attendance

If you were **ill** and had to be **off school**, what would you be **most sad** to be **missing**? Or, *On average, pupils in any of our schools who have **good attendance get exam grades higher than the UK average**. Generally, the **lower the attendance, the lower the success**. Pupils nationally who struggle with attendance say they tend to come in more on days they really don't want to miss.*

What things that happen in your school help the most at encouraging pupils to try for 100% attendance?

Name	School	Feedback/suggestion
Luna	Trewidland	Students would not want to miss school trips and school community.
Neythen	Trewidland	Students would miss teachers and friends.
Malachi	Liskeard	Miss computing, drama, PE and DT. Students would like 100% attendance to be rewarded with: school trips, confectionery, or, front of the line passes.
Erin	Saltash	Particular drama and music.
Megan	Landulph	Maths, art and after school clubs.
Ruby	Landulph	DT and art.

5. Classrooms

What makes the **best classroom to learn in** for you?

Name	School	Feedback/suggestion
Eden	Trewidland	Safe, nature kind and calm spaces.
Luna	Trewidland	Colourful, fun and happy spaces.
Ruby	Landulph	Nature-rich, colourful spaces with lots of displays. This encouraged learning.
Harry	Liskeard	Most mentioned were geography, history and drama rooms because of how the lessons are taught and how the rooms are set up.
Megan	Landulph	Plants, posters to help you learn and colourful displays.
Erin	Saltash	Colourful displays and rooms.
Isla	Liskeard	Lots of space to spread out when working.
Lucca	Dobwalls	When your work is on display and the space is calm and quiet.

6. Homework

What makes a **great homework task**? Or,

*What **homework** have **you done** that **helped you** most? Are the best types those that allow you to express yourself, those that help you prepare, those that help you revise or those that really make you think, those that get you talking to people, those that help you practice a skill or something else?*

Name	School	Feedback/suggestion
Eden	Trewidland	Art homework and being creative is preferred.
Lucca	Dobwalls	Computing tasks and creating PowerPoints as this allows you to research on the internet and put the information in your own words.
Ava & Billie	Liskeard	Surveys to get more people involved around these.
Harry	Liskeard	Creative homework such as – DT, music, quizzes and history. Maths and science quizzes are liked as they help with exam preparation. Some students asked if homework ratios were the same amongst tutor groups.
Jack	Looe	Specialist websites are disliked as they are difficult to get on to and sometimes aren't accurate.
Ruby	Landulph	Cooking and crafts. Practice sheets if struggling e.g. maths.
Isla	Liskeard	Art homework as it is displayed afterwards.
Megan	Landulph	Times Tables Rock Stars and Spelling Shed.
Luna	Trewidland	Rewards after the homework and quick, creative and challenging homework.
Erin	Saltash	Creative homework and revising for tests.
Arthur	Dobwalls	Prefers difficult homework that makes you think and takes time.
Harriet	Landulph	Cooking and litter picking homework.
James	Looe	Homework menus in History.

Mrs Ball thanked Joe for his excellent chairing of the meeting and congratulated everyone for all their hard work in getting the responses and their input.

Mrs Ball confirmed that meetings in March, May and July will be face to face. The locations will be confirmed in January. The July event will be a celebration event rather than a conference.

Mrs Ball also confirmed that Harry and Bertie will be chairing the meeting on 25th January.

Meeting closed at 17.02.