

Trust Student Council meeting notes – 26th March at 10.00 a.m. via Teams

Executive Summary

Actions

- Discuss and report back to Mrs Yelland if the format of this class to class meeting worked, suggestions for improvements and if it should be included in next year's calendar.
- Saltash Conference to be based on the Cornish theme and focussed around the TEAM groupings. Links will also be made to the Rights Respecting Schools work that all schools are engaging in. Most of the activities have been decided by the group and were met with enthusiasm. The group asked that a debate on the topic of behaviour rewards systems in all the schools should be included.
- Schools to bring their current behaviour rewards scheme to the Saltash conference and discuss with their peers between now and 22nd May.
- Schools to attend the conference in their PE Kit.
- Mr Buckley to share with school leaders and Trustees the suggestions for how student voice and student consultation should be extended (see the table of responses).

Present:

Mr Buckley, CEO

Mrs Spence, Curriculum Lead at Landulph

Mr Saberton, Teacher and Head of Year at Looe

Mr Downes, Teacher and Head of Year at Liskeard

Mrs Pipe Headteacher at Dobwalls

Mr Evans, Head of Sixth Form at Saltash

Mrs Yelland, PA to CEO

Meeting started at 10.02.

Outline of meeting

Mr Buckley welcomed everybody to the fourth Trust Student Council meeting. This being the first virtual conference. Mr Buckley is keen to receive feedback from the group regarding the format of this conference and if we can schedule them in for next year together with any suggestions for improvement. The next ambition could be to invite schools from around the world!

Student Chairs

Mr Buckley invited each school to organise a chair and vice chair for this meeting. Mr Buckley shared the job description on the screen.

The students discuss in their respective schools.

School	Chair	Vice Chair
Dobwalls	Lucca	Yasmin
Landulph	Megan	Harriet
Liskeard	Olivia	Peter
Looe	Alfie	Brandon
Saltash	Joe	Jacob
Trewidland	Ella	Neythen

Mr Buckley asked if anyone chair or VC would like to chair the meeting?

Jo volunteered for this role.

Each school councillor introduced themselves before handing over to the next school.

From Liskeard:

Olivia, Peter, Isla, Harry, Ava, Billie and Faith.

From Dobwalls:

Lucca, Arthur, Yasmin and Charlie.

From Looe:

Alfie, Brandon, Logan and Sam.

From Landulph:

Megan, Harriet, Orlando and Anoushka.

From Saltash:

Jo, Jacob, Erin, Fleur, Cody and Aeryn.

From Trewidland:

Ella, Neythen, Luna and Eden.

Mr Buckley reported that at the top 10 international companies, 50% of their meetings are conducted in this way and we used the international protocol for Google team meetings.

Notes from previous meetings

Mr Buckley advised that the notes from the last meeting have been circulated and asked the councillors to review them and if there are any amendments, please send these to Mrs Yelland.

Deciding on Bids

Mr Buckley advised that there were three areas for discussion today. Item 1 is to vote on the bids submitted for the £200 budget to use at your school. Three bids were received from Dobwalls, Liskeard and Looe.

Mr Buckley invited the Chair from each school to give a brief overview of their bid to the group.

1. Alfie from Looe:
Improve equipment for student extra-curricular projects.
No questions from the group.
2. Lucca from Dobwalls:
New equipment to support lunchtimes in the Rainbow Room which is a pupil led room.
No questions from the group.
3. Olivia from Liskeard:
Money donated to school charities or put towards charity dates at the end of the school year.
No questions from the group.

Each bid was discussed, and votes were as follows (schools were not able to vote for their own bid):

School	Vote
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Dobwalls	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Liskeard 2. Looe 3. N/A
Landulph	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Looe 2. Dobwalls 3. Liskeard
Liskeard	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Dobwalls 2. Looe 3. N/A
Looe	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Dobwalls 2. Liskeard 3. N/A
Saltash	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Dobwalls 2. Liskeard 3. Looe
Trewidland	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Liskeard 2. Looe 3. Dobwalls

[Result not shared during the meeting but for these minutes - awarding 3 points for 1st, 2 for 2nd and 1 for 3rd - the overall results are as follows - Dobwalls = 12 pts, Liskeard = 11 pts, Looe = 10 pts].

Mr Buckley that the winning council will be contacted once the votes are verified. Mr Buckley also advised that he discussed with our central team regarding the Student Councils having an annual budget. This is being progressed and should be in place for the next Academic Year.

What Student Leaders Should Do

Mr Buckley asked the councillors what should student leaders be involved in and how are the representatives decided? We currently use these meetings as a way of capturing student voice, should there be other alternatives? Are there any areas you think student voice should be prioritised?

The students discussed in their respective school groups.

Joe chaired the next part of the discussion.

School	Feedback/suggestion
Saltash	Student Councillors taking part in staff interviews, working with local companies and charity events. Helping with curriculum subjects. Having an annual budget.
Dobwalls	Have more of a role in school lunches, choices of trips, what sports to play on Sports Day and what students want to learn about in assemblies.
Looe	Important for the student leaders get to reflect the will of the student body to the Senior Leadership Team. This has worked well as one voice is easier to hear. Student Leaders should be involved in behaviour monitoring - i.e. reporting toilet defects etc.
Landulph	More choice in foundation subjects such as art and PE. For example, select sports each term or week. Views could be

	collected in assemblies and school council meetings. These can then go to the teachers to make the final decision.
Liskeard	Charity events – have more of say in the events we can do and be more involved generally. Curriculum and choice of topics. For example, in history, take a vote on which war to study. Students vote from the options. Food selection in the canteen – suggested having days for ‘food around the world’. For example, one day for Indian, one day for Chinese Have more of say in what school trips are offered and be more involved.
Trewidland	Student Council to run more clubs, help out with KS1 at lunchtime. Announce more races and other activities at Sports Day.

Jo asked the group if it was a fair summary that all wanted student councils to be more involved and for student voice to be used in more areas and finding presented to the Senior Leaders including Headteacher.

All agreed this was a good summary.

Mr Buckley thanked Jo for chairing and agreed it was a useful discussion.

Our Student Conference in Saltash on 22nd May

Mr Buckley outlined a summary of what normally happens at the conferences.

Joe advised Saltash Student Council have started planning the event and it will include a sports element as well as using Saltash’s house system and TEAM values. School representatives will be in mixed teams and allocated a Saltash house for the day, competing in various activities such as 3D Pictionary, ‘the floor is lava’ and a treasure hunt using orienteering exercises to navigate around the school. There will also be a Cornish theme to the conference including pasties for lunch!

Students attending the conference will need to wear their PE kit for the day.

Mr Buckley asked the group if they had any suggestions or ideas to add to the conference.

Looe advised to build in enough planning time and ensure there is time booked out during the day for any student debates.

Liskeard suggested the debate could be based on student reward systems across the Trust for good attendance and behaviour.

Landulph suggested the theme could be based on the ‘Rights Respecting Schools’ as all the Trust schools have worked or are working towards this.

Trewidland suggested ‘ice breaker games’ such as the name game to music to help learn everyone’s name.

Mr Buckley asked the group to vote on each to agree they should be included in the conference.

1. Rights Respecting Schools as part of the theme – carried forward.
2. Debating behaviour and rewards policy – carried forward.

Action: Saltash to include these during the conference.

Schools to bring their current behaviour rewards scheme to the conference and discuss with their peers between now and 22nd May.

Mr Buckley asked for the group to debate in their own councils whether the format of this meeting has worked and if there are any suggestions for improvements.

Action: Discuss and report back to Mrs Yelland if the format of this meeting worked, suggestions for improvements and if it should be included in next year's calendar.

Student Leadership Awards

Mr Buckley explained that this is taking place on 3rd July and that any students can be nominated who have held a leadership role within their community. Please speak to your Student Leadership Co-ordinator for further information.

Meeting closed at 11.00.