

Trust Student Council Meeting notes- 1st April at 10:00 via Teams

Actions:

- **Please all read the minutes and inform Mrs Askar if any changes are needed.**

Present:

Mr Buckley, CEO

Mrs Pipe, Headteacher and Student Voice Coordinator at Dobwalls

Mr Downs, Head of Year and Student Voice Coordinator at Liskeard

Ms Hawker, Deputy Head, Curriculum Lead & Student Voice Coordinator at Landulph

Mr Webster, Student Voice Coordinator at Looe

Ms Cummings, Head of School at Trewidland

Ms Gue, Saltash

Mrs Askar, PA to CEO

Ms McGregor, Limavady School

Student Attendees:

Looe: Alfie, Issi, Brandon, Violet, Logan, Maria, Gabriel, Achilleas, Cecily

Landulph: Ele, Isobelle, Tia, Penny

Saltash: Milo, Faye, Hayley, Charlie, Stanley, Emily

Dobwalls: Mila, Luke, Jaxon-James, Eseld

Trewidland: Class 2

Liskeard: Olivia S, Billie, Ava, Lachie, Pete, Harry, Malachi, Evie, Isla, Flora, Matilda, Chloe, Olivia M, Talia

Meeting started at 10:02

Welcome

Mr Buckley welcomed everyone to the meeting ensuring that there were no clues to the school's locations in the backgrounds of their cameras. For this meeting we had a mystery guest school within the UK join us and the students from all schools would need to guess the location after asking a series of Yes/No questions. The school who guessed the closest would win.

Here is how the questioning went:

Mystery: Are you in a city?

Liskeard: No. Are you in Ireland?

Mystery: Yes. Are you in the north of England?

Trewidland: No. Are you near the sea?

Mystery: No. Do you live near any famous landmarks?

Saltash: No. Do you have more than 1 premier league football team near you?

Mystery: No. Do you have a premier league football team in your area?

Landulph: No. Are you in Northern Ireland?

Mystery: Yes. Are you near the sea?

Looe: Yes. Do you have a sixth form?

Mystery: Yes. Do you live by the Irish Sea?

Dobwalls: No. Have you had a celebrity at your school?

Mystery: Yes. Do you live close to the English Channel?

Liskeard: Yes. Are you close to Derry/ London Derry?

Mystery: Yes

The winners were Trewidland who guessed Ballymena which is a 25-minute drive from the mystery school.

The mystery school was Limavady High School, Located in Limavady, Northern Ireland.

Introductions

Saltash: Gave an introduction of SMART trust listing off all six schools and explaining that our student council meets every term to discuss different topics and pass on feedback from their student body.

Limavady: We are a country school with 800 pupils, we have a shared education which means we share some of our classes with a neighbouring school. We have a reward system called achievement points. You get points for good attendance, being involved in sports, being in the school council. You can cash in your points for prizes like sports equipment and top scorers can get things like Xboxes and air pods.

Reward Systems

After hearing of Limavady's reward system we decided to share SMART Schools award systems too:

School	Award systems
Trewidland	Students get Dojo points for good work and behaviour. Playtime superstars for showing kindness and caring for others, and they have the diamond awards which is a chart that students can move up on for using their secret skills (be kind, be respectful, try your hardest and listen well)
Looe	Students get house points which add up and result in badges and awards for the points
Liskeard	Students get merits and have rewards assemblies, trips, and equipment along with certificates and plenty of praise.
Dobwalls	Students have a behaviour chart with diamond certificates, Dojo points, playground superstars and handwriting heroes. In the Friday celebration assembly certificates and badges are awarded for secret skills and reading.

Following on from this the students voted to discuss PE, followed by Mobile phones.

Discussion topic- PE

We would like to hear about student experiences of memorable lessons, when they have been inspired in PE and things that should be shared with other PE departments as good practice.

School	Feedback/suggestion
Dobwalls	Our PE teachers are enthusiastic and passionate. There are a wide range of activities available such as orienteering, basketball, tennis, and some dodgeball. We have a sports day coming up after Easter. We have a running track around the field for our daily mile. We

	have a range of active after school clubs such as football and cross country running. We recently completed a running fundraise to raise funds for the school
Looe	Our school focusses on participation, we do a lot of team games to encourage competition
Limavady	In PE we do many different sports. We have many sports and tournaments like swimming galas, cross country events and sports day. We often compete with other schools in our tournaments. On the 1 st May we will be doing a million steps for charity.
Liskeard	We do a wide range of activities with mixed ability groups. We have many after school clubs, facilities, and equipment on offer. We have a large field and an astro pitch and we also use the nearby leisure centre. We would like a student survey on activities, so students get a say on which activities are on offer. We have well supported activities for SEND students. We have tournaments with other schools. We would like to know if Limavady do any Gaelic sports.
Limavady	Yes, we do. We do Gaelic football which involves running four steps then kicking the ball, running four steps then bounce the ball whilst trying to score a goal. We also play Camogie which is an Irish stick and ball game played by girls. It's like hockey but you keep the ball up the whole time. The boys play hurling.
Saltash	We are lucky enough to have one of the best sporting facilities in Cornwall and we have some amazing sporting opportunities. We have 6 hours a fortnight for PE sessions. Our school has multiple fields, astro turf, gym equipment, sports hall, netball courts, climbing wall, trampolines, and badminton courts. We have inter-tutor competitions. Our amazing student sporting leaders run sessions for other students. A course is offered to learn the skills needed to become a good leader and some student leaders work with younger students to help with teaching and activities.
Landulph	We have large fields, 2 playgrounds and we have an external teacher who comes in to teach us PE. We also play football tournaments.

DB suggested that we should maybe try Gaelic and Camogie in our schools and look into any Cornish games that we can play.

Mobile phones

DB- Mobile phone use in school has been in the press recently and we want to make sure students are protected from this distraction from learning and the impacts that mobile phone use can have on mental health.

What would you ideally want the school to do in terms of a policy on mobile phones? What do you think would be best for your learning and for your community? If you were in charge of the school, what would you do?

School	Feedback/suggestion
Looe	One student shared their personal view: We should have mobile phones for being on the bus and on our way to school. Once we arrive at school our mobiles should be put in a lockbox, so it stops student being tempted to use it in lessons. I don't think everyone would agree with that though as a lot of student s want to use their phones throughout the day.
Saltash	We have a see it, hear it, lose it policy. If a teacher sees your phone or hears your phone it gets confiscated and taken to reception for you to collect at the end of the school day. This policy works and we would recommend it however it needs to be used consistently.

Liskeard	We have a similar policy which is “see it, hear it, confiscated”. We don’t believe that phones should be allowed in the school day but that passes should be given for those with medical needs or for other personal reasons which the student would need their phone for.
Dobwalls	As a small primary school, student phones are kept in the office. We think its good to have it for emergencies,
Limavady	All phones are kept in a secure area until the end of the day. Students would prefer to hand phones in just for lessons.

DB- Thank you all for your participation and thank you to our visitors who have shared some inspiring ideas. The minutes from this meeting will be circulated as soon as possible and once you have them, please do get in contact if any changes need to be made.

Next meeting

Our next school council meeting will be our face-to-face conference with 4 student councillors attending from each school. The conference will be held in Saltash on the 8th May.

Our award ceremony will be held at Trewidland in July to recognise students who have excelled in leadership in any field.

Thank you all again and thank you to our special guests from Limavady.

Meeting Closed at 11:01