

## Agenda: MAT Student Council Meeting 4 at Dobwalls 29<sup>th</sup> March 2017

### Structure of our student councils

#### *Key Question: How do we create the best and most effective student councils in the UK?*

Student councils can really shape how schools work and how the MAT works. They can find out what children think, come up with new ideas and check that schools are working as expected. How do we make sure our student council is working as well as it could be and how do we make it better?

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?
  - m. How do we decide who should be on the student council?
  - n. How often should the council meet?
  - o. Do we need a civil service? What would be their term of office?
  - p. What jobs should each person do on the council?
  - q. How do we make sure the local governing committee know how we feel?
  - r. How do we make sure the Trust Board knows how we feel?
  - s. Do we need badges or certificates for those who do best?
  - t. What makes a good student council member?
  - u. What would we use a budget for?