CHURCHILL PARLIAMENT

Minutes of the Meeting of the Churchill Parliament held at 12.10 pm on Wednesday, 16th October, 2024

Present

Class 1 (RS) Class 4 (IP)

Class 2 (RG) Class 5 No rep \*

Class 3 (AR) Class 6 (HS)

Minute taker – TP

\*Class 5 member RH was on a DofE trip with his class

Mr. Komodromos (Head) (Mr. K) Observing: Miss Hunt (SALT)

Mrs. O’Brien (Governor) (Mrs. O’B)

**WELCOME**

Mr Komodromos welcomed the class representatives to the year’s first Parliament meeting and congratulated them on being elected by their peers.

**CHURCHILL PARLIAMENT CODE**

Mr. Komodromos went through the Code, explaining that this would be followed at all meetings. All those present signed the Code, to confirm their understanding and acceptance of the Code.

**ISSUES**

Mr. Komodromos understood that several members had already collected suggestions from their class for Parliament to discuss but advised that, in future, the class should choose the best three suggestions as some classes had produced many suggestions. HS – maybe put an asterisk next to the best ones.

KC asked if members had any isssues they wished to discuss.

HS – More independent reading opportunities as there weren’t enough at present. Expand the recycling – bins were needed for recycling plastic.

IP – More help with the protection of the ducks, as the fencing was too flexible.

Mr. K – Ducks were well protected at present. He asked IP to go back to her class and ask them to provide images to show protection. **ACTION:** IP to speak to Class 4 about this.

RG – More lockers were needed. Mr. K – There were 12 per class and any more would take up too much space. IP – You can’t get a lot in the lockers. HS thought they were fine – perhaps people should reduce the number of bags they bring. Mr. K – students should think about what they bring in. He had checked the lockers last week – 17 needed new locks so he had ordered 25 locks.

RG – Some people wanted their phones at lunchtime. HS – there were rules about this, which he explained. IP – Those who had access to TikTok might use it. RS – It should be age appropriate so the very young should not be allowed to see it. Churchill pupils saw Samuel Ward pupils using it but Churchill people don’t do it. Most schools don’t allow it. Mr. K – allowing this could cause arguments as some might not have a phone or their parents don’t want them to use it at school. Students needed to socialise and talk to each other and use their phones in their own time – e.g. in the taxi. The Government wanted **all** schools to ban phones as they caused too many prolems.

RG brought up his third suggestion – Girls need separate toilets – e.g. for when they have their periods. IP – There were other problems too – if someone wants to be male, which toilet do they go to? RS – Then you might want a toilet for gay or non-binary students. Mr. K – Churchill now had the highest number of girls in school (12). Bodies change and girls have periods so boys need to be aware of this. He had spoken to the nurse and was arranging more dates for her to come in so she could help the boys understand girls’ puberty. IP – Waiting to use the toilet could be difficult and some boys were making inappropriate comments. If two or three make a joke about it all the boys laugh. Mr. K – This was not an issue at the top of the school. He said that one toilet had been out of action for some time but was now back in use. Sanitary pads had been introduced, but there was more work to be done on this subject.

AR – There was a problem with the heating. IP – Last week it was freezing outside and some rooms were cold. In the Summer the hot air sometimes comes on. Mr. K – It was not possible to change the system so his advice was to wear appropriate clothes. HS – last week there was cold air coming out of the vents but this had been sorted so he thanked Mr. K. He also agreed that students should wear appropriate clothes. The non-uniform day meant that all clothes could be geared to the weather.

AR – Perhaps there could be more playground equipment. Mr. K – This would be discussed at the next meeting. AR – could there be an outdoor gym? Mr. K – this would also be discussed at the next meeting but an outdoor gym might have to be limited to certain numbers. IP – maybe by class. HS – all could then have access.

AR – Would there be a Churchill Talent Show? Mr. K – There would be a Talent Show at the end of the term and it would be good to see people participate if they were confident enough. Students could enter as a group if they wished. Classes would have to vote for people to do it. This would meet the school values of Responsibility and Courage. There would be independent judges and staff could enter the Talent Show too. RG – could there be a school band? Mr. K – pupils should think realistically about what was feasible.

RS – He was keen on the environment and wanted to see litter picking, helping animals, recycling and educating children about the environment and about countries around the world suffering from climate change. RG – Perhaps they could celebrate Earth Day on 22nd April next year. AR – They had a Green Team at his old school. Mrs. O’B – She ran an Eco Council at the village school where she used to work and they had been awarded the Eco-Schools Green Flag for their environmental activities. Perhaps this was something members could investigate. **ACTION:** Members to find out about the Green Flag Award.

Mr. Komodromos told members that the Agenda for the next meeting would include the Environment, Sex Education of the whole school, Playground Equipment and Outdoor Gym.

There being no more business, the meeting closed at 12.55 p.m.

**Date of next meeting: Wednesday, 27th November, 2024**