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International Pupil Council **Meeting 2: Minutes**

Venue: Winifred Holtby School

Date: Tuesday 1st February 2011

1. Present:

Mr P Browning (Chair, Head at Stepney PS), Mrs G Rule (Winifred Holtby), Miryam (Yr 5, Stepney PS), Ronaldo (Yr 5, Stepney PS), Emily (Yr 5, Pearson PS), Kayden (Yr 5, Pearson PS), Tommy Lee (Yr 5, Bellfield PS), Aimee (Yr 5, Bellfield PS), Samia (Yr 5, Thanet PS), Charlie (Yr 5, Thanet PS), Zahib (Yr 5, Collingwood PS), Kalim (Yr 5, Collingwood PS), Tommy (Yr 5, Dorchester PS), Casey (Yr 5, Dorchester PS), Callum (Yr 5, St, Richards PS), Rebecca (Yr 5, St Richards PS), Caitlan (Yr 7, Winifred Holtby), Thomas (Yr 8, Winifred Holtby), Abdur-Rahman (Yr 5, Sutton Park PS), Adam (Yr 5, Sutton Park PS), Elijah (Yr 5, Chiltern PS), Mahia (Yr 5, Chiltern PS)
[Representatives from Ings PS were not present today]

2. Apologies:

None

3. Minutes from Last Meeting

These were accepted as a true record of the last meeting, held on Tuesday 12th October 2010

4. Matters Arising from the Last Meeting

The meeting that had been scheduled for Tuesday 30th November 2010 had been cancelled due to the atrocious weather conditions. The ice and snow had meant that it had been too dangerous to travel to the meeting.

Mr Browning distributed the new IPC badges that had been produced. These were based on several of the designs submitted by pupils plus the motto "Tied Together with History and Friendship". One hundred of these badges have been sent to the IPC in Freetown.

5. Minutes from the first two Freetown IPC Meetings

Francis Mason has held two meetings in Freetown. Mr Browning summarised the minutes from the first 'introductory meeting' then handed out the minutes from the second meeting. Pupils then read through these and made notes of important issues.

6. Matters Arising from the second Freetown IPC Meetings

After reading through the minutes pupils commented on the following:

- That teachers were trying to get bins;
- That people were trying to care for each other;
- The people in Freetown were trying to get two pupil councils to meet: The Freetown IPC and The Freetown City Council Student Council;
- Pupils liked the slogan “Fight Dirty for Good Health”;
- Pupils were being encouraged to become Ambassadors to keep their city and schools clean;
- They had been reminded how hazardous it can be if there is a great deal of waste around;
- Each school would help each other.

7. Individual School Activities

We went around the table again and spoke about activities we were already doing with our partner schools.

Sutton Park

Miss Tulloch had an accident when she had gone to Freetown in the Autumn and, as she had not returned to work yet, had not been able to feed back information to pupils.

Dorchester

The school council were continuing to think of ideas for raising money and would be undertaking these activities soon.

Collingwood

Not much had been done in the Autumn term on Freetown.

Thanet

Pupils weren't too sure what had happened recently.

Winifred Holtby

The new building should be opening in September 2011. There is talk of pupils preparing a 'time capsule' of artefacts to commemorate this occasion. Items could be sent to Freetown.

Bellfield

Miss Greenhage and visited Coltree School in Freetown. She had presented an assembly, in which she showed pupils videos and photos from Sierra Leone. While she was there Miss Greenhage had watched a 'Manchester Utd. v Chelsea match' via satellite!

Pearson

Pupils had written to pen pals

Stepney

Pupils had had talks from some of the parents of African children within their school.

St. Richards

100 Christmas Shoe Boxes with gifts for Sierra Leone had been collected.

Chiltern

Miss Dunning had visited their school.

Mr Browning reminded pupils to ask at school about what had been done with their Freetown links, especially the visits.

8. Action Planning

Pupils then discussed actions that could be taken to continue the help on Waste Management, as well as to address our IPC aims. These are their main ideas:

- Send photos of Hull IPC members plus a video to Freetown IPC (Mr Browning to ensure everyone has parental permission for photos);
- Use photos and images to compare life in the two cities;
- Send out whiteboards and whiteboard pens to Freetown if possible;
- Raise money to help Freetown schools buy recycling 'cow bins' (these are bins which have Friesian Cow Markings on them!);
- Pupils in both countries to record diaries of how they recycle and then these could be shared;
- Send compost bins or bags to Freetown;
- Send plans for making 'greenhouses' from recycled plastic bottles to grow things in;
- Exchange ideas of games that children play in each country;
- Make and send 'Reduce, Reuse, Recycle' stickers to put on bins in Freetown schools;
- Make and send T-shirts;
- Children in both countries to be involved in a competition to make a sculpture or other art project out of recycling

9. Priorities for Next Meeting

Mr Browning will send these minutes to Francis Mason, so his IPC can discuss the Hull IPC suggestions, so they can decide if there are any that appeal to them as well.

10. Any Other Business (A.O.B.)

There was no other business and the meeting closed at 2.45pm

11. Dates for the Next Meeting

Tuesday 15th March 1.30pm Winifred Holtby School