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International Pupil Council **Meeting 3: Minutes**

Venue: Winifred Holtby School

Date: Tuesday 15th March 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), Megan (Yr 5, Pearson PS), Ruhan (Yr 5, Pearson PS), Samia (Yr 5, Thanet PS), Charlie (Yr 5, Thanet PS), Zahaib (Yr 5, Collingwood PS), Kayleigh (Yr 5, Collingwood 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), Chloe (Yr 5, Chiltern PS), Charlotte (Yr 5, Ings PS), Mitchell (Yr 5, Ings PS)

[Representatives from Dorchester PS were not present today]

2. Apologies:

Bellfield

3. Minutes from Last Meeting

These were accepted as a true record of the last meeting, held on Tuesday 1st February 2011

4. Matters Arising from the Last Meeting

Photos were going to be taken today, but two schools were missing. Mr Browning to remind schools to be present for next time and to ensure photo permission has been given by parents. Mr Browning stated that this was the third meeting he had chaired and that these meetings should really be chaired by pupils. Pupils were asked to think about being the next chair for the end of the meeting.

5. Minutes from the third Freetown IPC Meeting

Pupils were given the opportunity to read through the minutes from the latest IPC meeting in Freetown, which had been emailed to Mr Browning, yesterday. It was noted that there had been misunderstandings in the minutes. One of the action points had said 'Help Freetown school to buy recycling malaria' when our notes had said 'cow bins' i.e. bins that had been decorated to look like cows!. Also, there had been a reference to 'greenhouse gases' when we had meant 'greenhouses' or 'glass houses' i.e. where you grow tomatoes and other plants.

6. Matters Arising from the second Freetown IPC Meetings

After reading through the minutes pupils were glad that the Freetown pupils had thought their ideas were good. Pupils decided to look at these in part 8 of today's meeting

7. Individual School Activities

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

Sutton Park

- On Friday, during Red Nose Day, money is going to go to the homeless;
- They are planning to take the partnership school a step forward and want to develop more links and more frequently;
- They are having a footballer from Sierra Leone, who is applying for Hull City F.C.;
- Pupils are also looking to stop litter and donate bins;
- They have email accounts and are going to communicate more via this.

Collingwood

- Have applied for the reciprocal grant, with Stepney and Pearson.

Thanet

- An application form had been completed for the reciprocal grant;
- Thanet Primary and Safinau Community School are registered with the Department for International Development (DFID);
- Mrs Saleh is going to contact the British Council this week;
- Pupils have communicated with each other via e-mail;
- Headteacher (Mrs Conteh) and Mrs Saleh are in regular contact;
- Mrs Saleh is currently planning and organising some joint projects related to the waste management ideas from the last IPC meeting.

Winifred Holtby

- A pupil committee is looking at the waste situation around their school, with a view to reducing it or stopping it altogether;
- There are litter pickers who help the caretaker;
- They have sent in a 'Curriculum Funding Application' to enable them to do more visits.

Ings

- They have had a full week of events about Sierra Leone;

Pearson

- Pupils had written to pen pals

Stepney

- Have applied for the reciprocal grant, with Collingwood and Pearson.

Chiltern

- Pupils are producing a collage to send;

- They have had an assembly about how to help pupils in Freetown.

St. Richards

- Photos of their classrooms are being sent;
- During Lent, the pupils are doing things to raise money, which they hope to send to get bins for their school in Freetown.

Sierra Leone Day

Last Friday, it was 'Sierra Leone' Day in Hull Schools. Some schools had pupils dressing up in the SL colours. At Pearson and Sutton Park schools, they had talks about 'Free-trade' items.

Collingwood PS raised £250. Some of their activities included making 'banana pancakes'. Posters had been made about the Civil War in SL. St. Richards' had a fair trade stall every Wednesday.

Stepney had not done anything last Friday as they are shortly having an 'International Day', during which Sierra Leone will be one of the countries celebrated.

8. Action Planning

Pupils then discussed actions that could be taken:

- All Hull Schools to take photos of their school and of any waste management issues around their school. These could be overflowing bins or areas of the schools which seem to have litter problems. These need to be emailed to Mr Browning who will then send them on to Freetown IPC;
- Pupils wish to set up a web cam link via Skype of similar. Mr Browning will ask Francis if we can get this set up. Luckily, Freetown are in the same time zone as us, so there won't be a timing issue;
- Pupils can also collect photos of celebrations of festivals in Hull schools to send over to Freetown;
- For the next Hull IPC meeting, pupils will bring any Sierra Leonian dresses/costumes and objects to show other pupils.
- Mr Browning will ask Francis if he can get bins for his schools, if we can raise the money.

9. Priorities for Next Meeting

Mr Browning will send these minutes to Francis Mason; he will send a list of the key issues from this meeting to our schools.

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

It was noted that quite a few of the Freetown schools had not been part of the last Freetown IPC meeting. Pupils asked if more schools could be at the next Freetown meeting.

Mr Browning needs to bring badges for Ings Pupils, who have not received any badges yet.

The meeting closed at 2.45pm. Mrs Rule was thanked for hosting the event.

Mrs Rule asked for schools to be reminded not to turn up before 1.30pm for the next meeting as she is usually in a meeting until this time.

11. Dates for the Next Meeting

The Chair for the next meeting will be Caitlin from Winifred. Thomas will chair the meeting after that.

Tuesday 12th April 1.30pm Winifred Holtby School