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International Pupil Council **Meeting 4: Minutes**

Venue: Winifred Holtby School

Date: Tuesday 12th April 2011

1. Present:

Caitlan (Yr 7, Winifred Holtby) – Chair

Mr P Browning (Secretary, Head at Stepney PS), Mrs G Rule (Winifred Holtby), Emily (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), 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), Thomas (Yr 5, Bellfield PS), Amy (Yr 5, Bellfield PS), Casey (Yr 5, Dorchester PS), Tommy (Yr 5, Dorchester PS)
[Representatives from Sutton Park & St. Richards PS were not present today]

2. Apologies:

Mimi (Yr 5, Stepney PS), Ronaldo (Yr 5, Stepney PS) who have had to go to a sporting tournament

3. Minutes from Last Meeting

These were accepted as a true record of the last meeting, held on Tuesday 15th March 2011

4. Matters Arising from the Last Meeting

Mr Browning needs to send badges to the councillors from Ings Primary School.

The Actions from the last meeting had been discussed at the latest Freetown IPC meeting – see below

5. Feedback from the fourth Freetown IPC Meeting

Mr Browning read out the minutes from the fourth Freetown IPC meeting, which had been held on 4th April 2011. These minutes had been emailed today. There hadn't been many children at this meeting as all children in SL are undertaking examinations.

The main points raised by Francis Mason were:-

- SL IPC had “unanimously agreed that the ideas put forward” by us “were considered to be very important and useful” and they listed these:
- “Pictures to be taken of school environment and any waste management around them.
The idea of a Web Cam link between Freetown and Hull IPC to be explored
Pictures of our 50th Independence Anniversary to be sent to Hull IPC UK

Next meeting to decide on a date for SL IPC launching programme
IPC to develop welcome song for IPC official launching programme
IPC SL should write down local games that they play for their counterparts
Launching Programme to be sent to our UK counterparts
Francis to present costs for locally made bins by the next meeting
Final programme for launching ceremony of Freetown IPC to be sent to Mr Browning for IPC
UK after the next Freetown IPC meeting.”

They also reported that Oxford International Secondary School had officially opened on the 19th March 2011.

We also read about an art festival that had taken place at the British Council and had been shown on Television.

Francis was also getting married on 30th April 2011.

6. Individual School Activities

Caitlin asked pupils around the table to speak about activities that had been taking place at their schools.

Collingwood

- Pupils had been taking photographs around the school about the waste issues. The head teacher, Mrs McDonald had helped them to take down SL items from displays in their school so they could bring them to this meeting.

Ings

- They had been writing to their pen pals in SL.
- This week is SL week at Ings. Each class is doing different activities. Mitchell said that he would bring back photographs from this to event for the next meeting

Pearson

- They have not done anything recently connected to SL

Chiltern

- After Easter they are designing and making a collage on the theme of “Coming to Make Peace Together”

Bellfield

- The head is currently arranging for a member of staff from their partner school to visit the school

Dorchester

- Pupils have been learning about what it is like to live in Sierra Leone

Stepney

- The school had not done any activities on the actual ‘Sierra Leone’ day as they were having an ‘International Day’. This took place on 25th March 2011. One of the classes had studied

Sierra Leone. Photos of the day can be seen on the school website at:
http://www.stepney.hull.sch.uk/events_specialeventsinternationaldaymarch2011.html

Thanet

- A form has been completed for the next reciprocal grant. A meeting has been booked to discuss arrangements for this.
- Mrs Saleh has spoken to the British Council in Freetown
- Samia and Charlie have produced a brilliant power point presentation about waste management at their school
- The local council has removed their blue recycling bags so they can't recycle paper at the moment.

Winifred Holtby

- A box of suggestions has been put in the entrance hall to collect ideas from students
- Thomas has been to the school council to tell them about the project and there are lots of students who are interested in this.
- They are tackling the issue using the headings **P**roblem, **O**bstacle, **S**olution

The Chair then asked schools to share the SL resources that they had brought with them. There were lots of interesting items to look at:

Collingwood

- Clothes, money, dolls, jewellery, fans, bags and pictures

Ings

- A drum, instruments (such as shakers), baby clothes, the SL football kit, scarves

Pearson

- A large banner from their partner school, dolls, pendants, clothes and a carved boat

Chiltern

- A mask, xylophone, money, decorations, clothes, cloth, a map of SL made out of seeds, necklaces and a purse

Stepney

- School uniforms from Icops and other clothes, including a grass skirt

Winifred Holtby

- Jewels, sandals and shirts

7. Actions

Pupils then discussed actions that could be undertaken for the next meeting:

- We all watched the power point presentation that had been made by Thanet. All agreed that it was an excellent way to show the waste issues at each school and that each school should make a similar presentation to send to Mr Browning so he could forward them to SL. Mr Browning will send a copy of Thanet's Power point to all Hull IPC schools as an example.

8. Priorities for Next Meeting

To complete the powerpoints

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

After Easter it is a very short half term – only three and a half weeks. As both primary schools and Winifred Holtby have exams and SATs coming up, it was agreed to hold the next meeting in June after the summer half term holiday.

10. Dates for the Next Meeting

The Chair for the next meeting will be Thomas from Winifred.

Tuesday 14th June 1.30pm Winifred Holtby School