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International Pupil Council **Meeting 8: Minutes**

Venue: Bellfield Primary School

Date: Tuesday 8th February 2012

1. Present:

Mr P Browning (Chair & Secretary, Head at Stepney PS), Charlie & Lewis (Pearson PS), Zahaib & Kayleigh (Collingwood PS), Charlie & Samia (Thanet PS), Casey & Tommy (Dorchester PS), Thomas & Amelia (Stepney PS), Tommy and Amy (Bellfield PS), Abdur-Rahman and Adam (Sutton Park PS), Elijah and Chloe (Chiltern PS)

2. Apologies:

None received

3. Minutes from Last Meeting

These were accepted as a correct record.

4. Matters Arising from the Last Meeting

- Mr Browning reported that he had no more news on the state of the refuse trucks that Hull City Council had sent over to Freetown;
- Continuing from the 'A Year in the Life of...' presentations from the last meeting, today the pupils from Pearson showed a booklet that they had produced about events in their school and Stepney pupils showed a presentation made on Photo Story 3.

5. Individual School Activities – including news about School Visits to Freetown

- Sutton Park have an 'Eco-Club' and are working towards a 'Green Flag' award. Parts of this project have included constructing an 'eco-greenhouse' using 2 litre soft drinks bottles; and introducing tests around the school to help them improve their efficiency. They are looking at monitoring energy and improving their recycling.
- At Collingwood, they are collecting books to send to their partner school
- Dorchester are having more members of their 'Eco-Club'

6. Actions

- Mr Browning explained that we are hoping that Freetown teachers will be coming over to work in our schools in mid-March and that it would be great for the IPC to meet then so they could speak to our guests;

- All schools to continue with the work on the books “A Year in the Life of...”, in which ever format they had chosen to present to the teachers who come over;
- Further suggestions from IPC members about possible activities and events for the visit included:
- IPC councillors to organise jumble sales in their schools to collect things to send to SL;
- The visitors could look at our schools and suggests things we could do. They could undertake an inspection of our recycling practices;
- Everyone could write a poem about recycling to present to the visitors;
- IPC councillors to meet in town with the visitors and show them around. The Freetown children had shown the Hull teachers around their areas so this would be repaying this;
- We could have sponsored events;
- As well as the “A year in the Life of...” presentation, we could use our photos from SL and our schools to make a comparison of the two schools and the children in them;
- St. Richards have large posters comparing life in Hull and Sierra Leone, which could be brought to an event linked to the visit of Freetown teachers.

7. Priorities for Next Meeting

- Once Mr Browning has confirmation of the dates of the next visit from Sierra Leone, then he will let everyone know so we can set up a meeting and events for them. In the meantime, everyone can be working on their ‘A Year in the life of...’

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

- As there was now an IPC in Hastings, we could ‘skype’ them at a future date;
- Mr Browning reported that he had been in contact with the lady who ran the ‘Real Aid’ charity. This is a charity that operates the ‘love in a box’ events before Christmas, when people donate a shoe box filled with different items and treats for a child in Africa. She said that we could take our Freetown visitors to see their base in Tickton, near Beverley. IPC asked Mr Browning to contact her to see if she could also attend one of our meetings, to explain more about the work the charity undertakes;
- Mrs Mudd and the pupils of Bellfield Primary were thanked for their kind hospitality (and the wonderful refreshments).

9. Dates for the Next Meeting

- To be arranged to coincide with the visit of the Freetown teachers.