

School Council Minutes 5.3.14

(with replies & comments from Mr Browning)

Present: Mrs. Rodgers and all year groups

Members discussed Mr. Browning's responses from the previous meeting.

Suggestions are needed from everyone what the Stepney shop could sell.

An Easter disco will take place on the last Thursday of this term. Councillors are already coming up with ideas: Easter bonnets/hats, egg and spoon races, Easter egg hunt, drawing competitions and find the egg board game. Any more suggestions place them in your boxes.

Posters are to be designed over the next week.

Many thanks for your work on these, councilors.

This week's suggestions:

Could the hall be decorated for the disco?

Mr Morfitt and his team usually spend a couple of hours decorating the hall. Remember all the trimmings he puts up for Halloween etc. However, do you have any specific ideas in mind for the Easter Disco. Both Mr Morfitt and myself would like to hear them.

Are children allowed to bring some decorations in?

Yes. We will to have check that they are safe and appropriate, though.

Is it possible for the netball team to have a kit for tournaments?

Funny you should ask this, councilors. Miss Northen, Mr Darwood and I have already been in discussions about this. Mr Darwood is pursuing two lines of enquiry about this at the moment including one organisation which might be able to provide a kit free of charge. We have thought we could call ourselves the 'Stepney All Stars' and use the same kit for netball and basketball, as well as benchball! We won't have numbers or netball letters put on the tops as we can use our bibs.

Could the tubs be brought outside again at break times for coats and jumpers?

Yes

Lots of children have been asking for more toys for breakfast club.

Yes. Mrs Smith has already been looking at buying more lego!

Would it be possible to have a school rucksack not to replace book bags and P.E. bags but for those who would prefer one bag?

I will ask Mrs Codd or Mrs MacDonald to contact the firm who supplies our bookbags and see if they do rucksacks.

Children would like to see a Super Science Award like Rainbow writers.

This is a good idea. As we already have two awards assemblies plus the Friday one, Miss Baitson (one of our science coordinators) and I think it will be too much to have a science one.

Girls would like mirrors in the toilets.

I will investigate this for you and get back to you. Please will you keep asking me.

Lots of children stay packed lunch. When the weather is nice they eat outside but there aren't enough picnic benches, some children end up sitting on the floor. Could we have more benches with parasols for the summer?

I will certainly look at more parasols. In terms of benches, maybe not! We have to ensure the playground does not have too many and thereby getting in the way of playtime activities. With a small playground, we have to consider health and safety issues. I do keep an open mind, though and will look at it again for you as the weather improves.

May I thank you all and make another suggestion.

As you know, we have linked up with our new friends at Fairview Elementary School in Nebraska. In the last couple of weeks, I have set up a forum to find out about people's favourite sports. We have had comments from pupils and staff, both in the US and in the UK. This is proving to be a great success. Year 4/5 have sent some letters to them as well! Would you like me to set up a forum or page on it for our school council and this could link with their school council? Do you think it would be interesting for you to tell them about the ideas you have and the ones that they have. You could even have a link councilor in Fairview, i.e. someone you blog to. Of course, I will always be able to check comments so that we can guarantee the e-safety. (There are some other schools who are now linked in with us, including Anlaby Primary and Bellfield Primary)

Mr Browning