



**SCHOOL COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES**

5th February 2019
2.30pm

1. Welcome

Miss Redman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. Previous Actions

Miss Redman went through the actions from the last meeting and noted that all actions were completed.

3. Wet Play Games Update

Miss Redman explained that she has purchased new wet play games for each class. She explained that she is still waiting for the last few sets of Top Trumps to arrive and once they are here, the councillors will be invited to choose games for their class.

ACTION: Miss Redman to let councillors know once all of the games have arrived, and ask them to come and choose games for their class.

4. Making lunchtimes better

Miss Redman welcomed Linda, our school caterer, to the meeting. Linda said that she was happy to be invited to the meeting and very kindly brought biscuits that she had made for everyone (this caused much excitement!) Miss Redman explained to Linda that at our last meeting, councillors brought suggestions from their class on how we can make lunchtimes at WJS better and that we would like to get her feedback/input on the points that relate to meals specifically.

Each councillor read out the suggestions follows:

- Make all food gluten free - Linda explained that she has special menus in place for any children who require a gluten free diet but that this is not appropriate for children who do not have intolerances/allergies.
- Change the order that year groups/classes go into lunch - **ACTION: Miss Redman will arrange a rota for this but it was agreed to keep Yr3 going into lunch first.**
- Say nice things to the dinner ladies - Linda said that this would be lovely and that the dinner ladies would really appreciate it.
- Ratatouille on the menu - Linda explained that over the years, she has tried lots of different recipes with vegetables and that when cooking for so many children, she needs to cook food that the majority of children will eat, otherwise, there is lot of food wastage.
- Salt & pepper available - Linda said that they do not cook with salt & pepper in the kitchen as too much salt or pepper in a diet can be unhealthy. Miss Redman reiterated this and explained that children's food generally has very little salt in it, in order to make it healthier and that the children could their daily requirements from breakfast and dinner.
- Extra meal options - Linda handed out a copy of the new menu for next term, together with a copy of an additional menu called 'The Street Menu'. She explained that she can run the street menu alongside the normal menu if we would like it. A vote was taken and 7 councillors voted in favour of having the additional menu, whilst 5 voted against it. The reasons for the votes against it were:
 - The menu is too 'adult like'
 - Too much spicy food
 - Too difficult for the kitchen staff to have too cook so many choices
 - We already have a good menu, no need to change it

Linda explained it would be in addition, so these concerns should not worry individuals.

- Colourful chairs - Miss Redman explained that it is too expensive to replace all of the chairs but said that when they need replacing, she will keep this request in mind.
- Easter meal - Linda said that this is definitely something she can & will do.
- Video on the big screen during lunch - Miss Redman said this is not possible, we need to reduce 'screen time' and the volume in hall - this suggestion would add to it as it has been tried before.

- Dinners outside (H&S)
- Squash & water - Miss Redman asked Linda if this would be possible once in a while, if we provide the squash. Linda agreed.
- Year 6 special dinners again - Linda explained that the Street Menu replaces the Year 6 menu and will be available to all year groups which everyone agreed was fairer.
- Larger portions - Linda explained that children can always have extra vegetables, bread rolls and salad. **ACTION: Councillors to let their class know that they can ask for extras of these items.**
- Bring snacks back - Miss Redman explained that this adds too much extra admin work and children are welcome to bring their own snacks in from home.
- Different choices - The Street Menu adds more choice.
- Keep 'fish Friday' - Linda said yes, fish will always be available on a Friday and is included in the new menu.

There were a few additional questions/requests for Linda from suggestion boxes as follows:

- Can we have lemon slices on fish days? Linda agreed and will make sure lemon is available.
- Pizza - can we have different toppings, like me cheese etc. Linda said that there are always additional things, like pineapple pieces that children can add to their pizza but as she had mentioned earlier, she has to cook food that that the majority of children will eat, otherwise, there is lot of food wastage.
- Can we have themed menus, from around the world? - Yes, speak with your teacher and as long as Linda has advanced notice, she is happy to arrange this.
- Can we have apple & orange juice as extras, not for pudding?
- Can we have more gravy? - Yes, you just need to ask.

Before Linda left the meeting, she asked if the councillors think that the rest of the school would like to have pancakes on Pancake Day. The vote in favour was unanimous.

Miss Redman and the councillors thanked Linda for coming to the meeting and for the lovely biscuits. Linda left the meeting.

5. Suggestion Boxes

Each councillor took it in turns to share their suggestions from their boxes and these were discussed in turn:

- 3CC Can we have 'Parkour'? Miss Redman asked the councillor to do some research into what this is and to present it at the next meeting. **ACTION: Councillor Higgins to do research & bring to the next meeting.**
- 3RP No suggestions
- 3MP Helping others. Miss Redman advised the councillor to talk with their teacher about this & the teacher can mention it to the class.
- 4EC Can we have a 15 minute break? We already do.
- 4LB No suggestions
- 4TR Can we have an acting club with a performance at the end of the term. Miss Redman told everyone that she has something very exciting along these lines to announce to the rest of the school on Friday. She told the councillors that we will be holding a 'Westfields Has Talent' event next half term! Councillors were very excited about this.
- 5RM Can there be a rule in place that if you have a ball, no one can take it from you? Miss Redman explained that if this happens, children should talk to an adult or peer mediator at the time so it can be resolved fairly.
- 5DT Can we have less homework each week? Miss Redman explained that everyone feels differently about homework so we try to strike a balance. She also explained that later in the year, we will be doing 'topic homework' each week. This was warmly welcomed by the councillors.
- 5DC No suggestions
- 6LL No suggestions
- 6HC Can we make up a song and put it on the S'cool Radio? Yes!
- 6HP All of the play equipment gets taken by the first people out at lunch time and it's unfair. Miss Redman said that if this happens, children should speak with an adult at the time so it can be resolved fairly.

Meeting closed: 3.10pm

Share all of Linda's feedback with your class. Remember to go through your suggestion boxes before the next meeting to make sure your suggestions are new ones and that you understand them.

NEXT MEETING: TUESDAY 26th February @2.30pm in The Cloud.