

PIRBRIGHT VILLAGE PRIMARY SCHOOL COUNCIL

Tuesday 15th October 2019



MINUTES

Welcome

Mrs Dow, Erin (1OW), Willow (1DC), Ellie (2HJ), Milo (2SC), Sam (3JP), Eva (3GG), Amalie (4DD), Eva (4SF), Polly (5AW), Eden (5DS), Rhys (6EC), Jemima (6LB) and Mrs Douetil (our Chair of Governors)

Apologies for absence:

A special welcome to Pam and Mark from Principals who are leading the second part of the school council meeting.

1. School Improvement Priority

The group discussed the school's priority to contribute to saving the world. One way we can do this is to reduce our overall waste and the council agreed that we waste too much food in the hall. Mrs Dow shared that Mr Brincombe is sorting out food waste bins for us. It was agreed that if we can support the kitchen in giving some advice on the menu, then we should be able to reduce the food waste also.

Mark and Pam introduced themselves and their role in Principals. They have put together what they believe to be a good menu for next term but would like advice and thoughts from the children. This will help them gauge the balance between the main courses cooked and the veggie alternatives/jacket potatoes. If children at SC aren't keen on a dish, they will know to cook some more alternatives for the children.

The children discussed the menu and asked questions. One was about the souffle and it was decided to have some samples for children to try out so they knew what it would taste like.

Thanks go to Mark and the kitchen for cooking an additional three dishes (and a pudding) for the council to sample. They tried the Moroccan tagine first which was a huge hit with 10/12 children enjoying it. They liked the size of the chicken pieces and were very complimentary on the flavours used. This was the dish served at the recent Family Lunch and will now be on the full menu.

Next up was the Chicken Curry. Children liked this but not as much as the tagine. The biggest comment was regarding the size of the chunks of chicken and it was agreed that chunks would be smaller. 8/12 liked this so Mark also discussed the vegetarian alternative which children were happy with.

Lastly, they tried the chicken pie. There was a hot debate over the correct amount of gravy so it was agreed that we would have extra in a jug for the fans. 11/12 children enjoyed the chicken pie – what a hit!

As a special treat the children got to sample a new chocolate and orange brownie. All the children liked it but most agreed it was too orangy so Mark agreed to put less in next time.

School Council were reminded of why they had completed their tasting this afternoon and all thanked for their contributions to saving the world. We thanked Mark & Pam for joining us and for all their efforts to include the children in the decisions made in the kitchen.

Remaining Actions:

- Mrs Dow to collate official School Council Charter and share next session.
- Jemima to check on the sand pit with Mr B.
- Rhys to investigate hand dryers with Mr B.

See you next time!