



SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING – MINUTES

Date: 14.09.2026

Chair: Mrs Dow

School Council: Arabella, Ella, Daisy, Amber, Imogen, Astrid, Comfort, Cora, Tilly, Amabel, Frankie and Josh

1. Welcome to the School Council

We welcomed our new School Council representatives and congratulated them on their successful election. There was, however, an issue which became apparent **almost immediately**. Despite every class holding a perfectly democratic election, the resulting School Council consisted of: **11 girls and 1 boy**.

So much for democracy!

We agreed that this was probably not quite the level of representation we were aiming for.

2. The Great School Council Representation Debate

We discussed whether it was important for our School Council to have a mixture of boys and girls. The general consensus was **yes**. We talked about the fact that everyone has different experiences, ideas and opinions, and that we want to hear from as many different children as possible.

The councillors then took part in a highly sophisticated **Think, Pair, Share** activity to solve this pressing democratic crisis.

Ideas included:

- Having one boy and one girl from each year group.
- Encouraging more boys to stand for election next year.
- Changing the voting system.
- Bringing a friend along to meetings so that we can hear from more children.
- Ensuring that boys are, in future, given the opportunity to discover that School Council is actually quite fun.
- Not making the School Council *too* enormous, because apparently 17 children is already approaching parliamentary levels of bureaucracy.

One particularly useful observation was that, with 11 girls and only one boy, **Josh had somehow ended up representing approximately 50% of the boys in the entire School Council**.

No pressure, Josh.

3. A Democratic Decision

After much thoughtful discussion, we decided that **representation is more important than keeping the School Council small**. We therefore agreed to invite **one additional boy from each year group from Year 1 to Year 5** to join the School Council. This means that our School Council will increase from **12 members to 17 members**. We appreciate that this is a significant increase. We have decided that 17 children is still a manageable number and, more importantly, gives us a much wider range of voices. We would like to point out that this decision was reached through discussion, reasoning and democratic debate – rather than simply because **someone noticed that there were quite a lot of girls in the room**.

4. Suggestion Boxes

We discussed how we can make sure that every child in school has the opportunity to have their voice heard, even if they are not on the School Council.

Each School Council representative will therefore make a **Suggestion Box**.

Children will be able to put their ideas into the boxes, including things they would like to:

- Change
- Improve
- Introduce
- Celebrate
- Discuss

- Or, presumably, complain about in a constructive and democratic manner.

The Suggestion Boxes will be brought to our next meeting. We look forward to discovering exactly what our 300+ pupils would like us to spend our time and energy doing.

5. Making Our School Even Better

We also discussed ideas for making our school an even better place. The children came up with some **excellent ideas**, and it was brilliant to hear them thinking about the experiences of other pupils rather than just themselves. There were some particularly thoughtful suggestions, and we will return to these at future meetings to decide which ideas could actually become reality. Obviously, we cannot promise to implement every suggestion. We *can* promise to listen to them. Possibly to discover that some ideas are slightly more realistic than others.

ACTIONS

Action	Who?	By when?
Recruit one additional boy from Years 1–5 to join the School Council	Mrs D + class teachers	Before next meeting
Make a School Council Suggestion Box	All School Councillors	Before next meeting
Ask children in your class for their ideas	All School Councillors	Before next meeting
Bring suggestions to the next meeting	All School Councillors	Next meeting

YOUR HOMEWORK, COUNCILLORS

Before our next meeting, ask the children in your class:

“What is ONE thing you would like to change, improve or introduce at our school?”

Answers in the Suggestion Box!

And remember: **you are representing your class – not just yourself.**

This is now officially your responsibility.

Good luck!