

School Council Minutes 12.11.21
Present: Ms Tracee Delaney, Mr Dutton, Miss Dowd & School Councillors

School Councillors	
Year 6	R.R, F.G, F.B, M.E
Year 5	E.W, J.B
Year 4	L.M, A.F
Year 3	J.D, I.C

Miss Dowd and Mr Dutton welcomed everyone to the meeting. Mr Dutton explained the structure of school council meetings to the children. The councillors then looked at the one suggestion which was in the suggestion box. The councillors were introduced to Ms Tracee Delaney (TD) who works for ISS Catering. TD thanked the children for inviting her and asked them a range of questions about the food provided at lunchtimes in order to make future improvements.

Suggestion box

1. Can we use little slips of paper to show that the bin is full of paper?

The councillors decided that as the bins are open at the top you are able to see whether the bin is full or not. Therefore, using a piece of paper is not necessary and would result in more paper waste.

Meeting with Ms Tracee Delaney

What do you like about school dinners?

The councillors said that they think school dinners have improved since having the new menu. They particularly enjoy the fish and chips, roast dinners and sausage rolls. They said that they tend to prefer the dessert to the main. The councillors said that they really liked the chocolate cake that has now gone from the menu and TD explained that this was because their guidelines stated that they need to have more desserts with fruits in them, such as apple crumble.

How do you think we could improve our school dinners?

The councillors discussed that they would like to see a larger variety of food. They made suggestions about the types of food they would like to see such as curry and spaghetti carbonara. They also stated that they would like a salad bar with tomatoes, cucumbers, carrots, peppers etc. Another suggestion that the councillors made was to have more fruit options. They said that they would like to have fruit salad for the older children as they sometimes get bored when they are eating one whole piece of fruit and end up throwing it away.

Have you tried any of the vegan options? If so, do you like them?

A few of the children said they have tried the vegan sausage rolls and did like them.

Are the lunch staff friendly?

The children agreed that the lunch staff are very friendly when serving the food. They always greet the children with a smile and say hello.

Is there a lot of food waste?

The children explained that sometimes there can be a lot of food waste, depending on the meal that has been cooked. A few children said that they have seen pupils eat their dessert and then throw their whole main meal away. They also said that children rush their lunch because they want to go out to play and therefore, will only eat a small portion and throw the rest away. TD discussed methods that could be put in place to stop this from happening, such as lunch staff checking what the children have eaten before they are allowed to go out. A school councillor suggested that the children could eat their main meal first and then go back up to collect their desert. However, it was decided that this may be too time consuming. This led to discussions about whether passing the dinner and dessert to the children at the same time is dangerous as it is a lot to carry.

Would you like to have a themed menu for special days throughout the year?

The councillors really liked the idea of theme days. They discussed the different themes that there may be and the types of food they could try. They were particularly keen on having a menu to celebrate Chinese New Year in February 2022 and discussed some foods that they would like to see on this menu such as noodle dishes.

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TD thanked the children for their feedback and gave them a sheet back to take back to their classrooms to get some further feedback from their peers.

Date for next meeting: **Friday 26th November 2021**