

## **WILLOW WOOD PRIMARY SCHOOL**

### **School Council Meeting – Community Room, Sunshine Building**

**5 December 2014 @ 1.05pm**

#### **1. Welcome and Attendance**

Ms Tomlinson	Headteacher
Mrs Stretton	Chair of Governors
Mrs Yates	TA
Mrs Welch	Clerk
Rose Stanton	Year 1
Hope Wraxall	Year 1
Lauren Simpson	Year 2
Shauna Owen	Year 2
Lexi Templeman	Year 3
Mia Orme	Year 3
Millie Taylor	Year 4
Ethan Marlor	Year 4
Anthony Miller	Year 5
Lauri Newton	Year 5
Sophie Doyle	Year 6
Laila Fulton	Year 6
Daniel Wright	Year 6

#### **Apologies**

No apologies

#### **Minutes from the previous meeting**

The group discussed items from the previous meeting:

- Curriculum Consultation – this was about everything we learn
- Grid – group could add further things to this after Christmas

The group agreed minutes were a correct record of the meeting.

#### **2. Vision and Values**

Mrs Stretton was introduced to the group by Ms Tomlinson. Mrs Stretton was chair of Willow Wood's Governing Body and a discussion about the role of governors began. Governors met regularly to talk about the school and worked with the staff to make it a better school in order to get it to 'Good'.

Mrs Stretton explained that staff had been involved in looking at the Vision and Values of Willow Wood and now it was the turn of School Council to voice the opinion of the pupils.

Mrs Stretton asked the group what they understood by 'Vision' and the group agreed that it was about how we would see the school in the future.

When asked what the group thought of 'Values' they agreed that it was important to make everyone feel valued. We should treat others how we like to be treated so that each of us felt safe, secure, positive, eager to learn, inspired and brave enough to share our ideas.

The group felt proud to be part of Willow Wood. They were empowered and felt able to do things, saying thank you to one another made them feel appreciated.

We all wanted to feel needed – achieving things together made us happy.

### **3. Acrostic**

The group had so many ways of describing their experiences at Willow Wood that they started working on acrostics. Acrostic involved using each letter of a chosen word as the beginning of another word which related or described it.

The group came up with some excellent examples:

**S**haring  
**C**aring  
**H**appy  
**O**pinions  
**O**ptomistic  
**L**earning

**R**ecognise  
**E**nergetic  
**S**afe  
**P**roud  
**E**nlightened  
**C**areful  
**T**argets

**P**roud  
**R**eliable  
**I**nterested  
**D**etermined  
**E**xciting

As a result of the success of the session School Council decided that it would be fun to ask everyone to take part in an Acrostic Christmas Challenge during the Christmas break, with family and friends. Results from the challenge could be collected by the group and a selection could be published on the school website.

**4. Pudsey Bear Fun Day**

Communication Officers Ethan, Sophie and Rose would find out from Mrs Smith how much the school had managed to collect for Children in Need.

**5. Christmas Jumper Day**

The group decided that it would be fun to have a Christmas Jumper day on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> December. Pupils could wear a festive jumper or decorate an ordinary jumper to make it a Christmas Jumper. Suggested voluntary donations of £1 could go to Save the Children. School Council would have to let everyone know as there was only a week to go. Mrs Welch would send out a text to remind parents.

**6. Thank You to School Council**

Mrs Stretton gave a big thank you to the School Council for assisting with the Vision and Values exercise for Willow Wood School.

She was very impressed by all of the members of the group knowing what Vision and Values meant and very proud of everyone. Willow Wood was such a wonderful place and it was so nice to come to a school where everyone cared about each other and treated each other so well.

Mrs Stretton would look forward to seeing everyone again in the new year.

**7. Date of next meeting – Friday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2015 at 1:10pm**