



Minutes of Student Council Meeting

In attendance: Iona Stewart-Wiliams, Stephen London, Ellie Richardson, Joshua Bolton, Jessica Power, Jake Rowland, Connie Borthwick, Karl McGrath, Hayley Paxton, Declan Donaldson, Caitlin Cressey, Drew Muir, Hamish Reynolds, Olivia Jack, Jessica McLaren, Ian Manzoni, Dior Slater, Joana Gaspar, Lewis Barker, Martha Beattie, Mariah Rong

Date/Time: February 5th, 21. 9am-945am

Location: Virtual

1. Matters Arising/general updates:

This is the first student council so no matters arising

2. Agenda Items:

BHS Student Council Intro: How good is OUR school themes 1, 3 and 4: School safety and behaviour

Introduction PowerPoint—what, why, who, when student council is running. [Student Council 1: PowerPoint](#)

Discussion—

- Who will the council benefit: the younger years are not as identify (S1 students not having a lot of support—what can we do to help the younger years--how can we improve in school learning and education? There is a huge contrast between what BGE are getting and the senior school
- Why do you think council is important?--helps to make the school a better place and let us have a say—be proactive to make change for the better

Comments on school behaviour/safety--

POINTS = POSTIVE POINTS MADE

POINTS = NEGATIVE POINTS MADE

POINTS = POSSIBLE ACTIONS

- Things have got a lot better as there are no more food fights and there is a calm feeling in the school now BUT throwing food/drinks, outside...it

doesn't feel safe will this improve when we are allowed in school. **More of a staff presence needed in the playground**

- **There is still a lot of bullying and we need to stop the bullying—3 warnings, detentions/punishments --need tougher punishment detentions aren't tough enough—Student Council should be writing the Bullying policy—bullying posters to be created to be put out around the school what do they feel it needs to be about (a working group Led by P. Macklin)**
- Some Prefects are doing a lot but many not doing enough and can be rude, heavy handed and intimidating—**S. Hughes to create 'What to do' Prefect list—pupils to have the Senior Prefects to do this lead by Liam and Ian**
- Outside needs to be outside supervising-which locations do we need to patrol? **We need feedback from students to see which areas of the playground need supervised Prefects on duty should be supporting and take any issues to playground supervisor**
- **Having the Head Team to talk to will help and is helpful and they are try to encourage seniors/juniors to be more friendly-- We need to find a way to encourage students to talk a bit more—'See Me ambassadors' to have lanyards as identify them to support this**
- There is always a member of staff around at all times to make sure everyone is safe
- The school building keeps us safe (locked front doors) keep us safe by securing the school grounds so nobody can just walk into the building (doors around the school building are automatically locked)
- There are clear school rules in place as well as the PSA team monitoring student welfare.
- Our school values are in place to support the behaviour
- Behaviour has improved but still the mob mentality (big groups) are in intimidating which is an issue--Behaviour in the lunch queues can be poor with people shoving or jumping the queue but big groups will always be a thing so I think if **we should regulate how they behave that would be better than splitting them up—staff will regulate**
- Split lunches are working lunches are less overwhelming and it allows more space in the canteen for pupils to sit and find a space and move about.
- Wearing masks is an issue only for some—**Guidance staff take a package to the buses to ensure students have them**