

Student Eco Committee - Minutes of Meeting
14th December 2006, Carter Room, Learning Centre

Present: Mr N Cox, Mrs K Campbell, Dr K Wake

Student Reps – Y7 James Burke, Cary's Labonte Jones, Y8 James Diedrick, Katie Jeff, Y9 Rebecca Thompson, James Dickinson, Y11 Rebecca Jenkins, Rebecca Jones, Y12 Lee-anne Truong, Sarah Harrison, Sanna Hussain, Aneeka Akhtar.

Apologies – Mr J McCallum, Mr J McVeigh, Y10 Ellie Downs, Philip Sidwell, Y13 Emma Jenkins

Y12 Sarah and Lee-anne produced a Powerpoint presentation which will be shown in the Dining Hall in the near future – outlining the paper re-cycling objectives. Y12 Lee-anne and Y10 Ellie wrote to Middlesbrough Council to ask for support with the paper re-cycling initiative. As a result the Eco-Committee have now received blue bags to help with collecting waste paper. The committee decided that bags placed in tutor groups would be emptied on a daily basis (or as necessary to prevent any fire risk) by “Re-cycling Reps” and taken to the Paper Bank (blue skip) outside at the exit near Barristas. James B (Y7) suggested classes may want to have a competition with regard to how much waste is collected – the blue bags being weighed and a chart compiled with the results; this idea could be taken up with the classes generating the least amount of waste (reduce/ re-use/re-cycle basis) as being the winners over a given period.

It was agreed that Telemac, Fresh and a poster campaign would be the best way to advertise the paper re-cycling initiative. James Diedrick (Y8) volunteered to be the face of Fresh – ready for a broadcast pre-Christmas.

Philip Sidwell, Y10 produced his Powerpoint presentation which was well received on its broadcast in the Dining Hall. Thanks to Philip for his time and effort in this first ‘public’ Eco-Committee broadcast, and for his tour of the Academy detailing departments who are (at present) failing in aspects of their energy efficiency!

NOTICE BOARD - Y7 students, James Burke and Carys Labonte Jones brought along their design ideas for the Eco-Board (which has now been positioned near Mr McCallums Office & close to the Greenham Theatre), and the committee agreed the title “Go Green With The Eco-Team!” – Mrs Ellington would be available to help with the Graphic design for the board. James and Carys to speak with Dr Wake to finalise further detail. James Burke suggested the suggestion box could be in electronic format. Adrian King to be approached to set up an Eco-Blog and suggestion box in this environmentally friendly way!

UP FOR DISCUSSION

Sarah Harrison Y12 to approach the Board of Governors to ask if any Governor would like to sit on the Student Eco-Committee. This would provide an opportunity for Governors and the Eco-Committee to support one another and ultimately the aims of the Academy.

Mr McVeigh has made enquiries as to the cost of a plastic bottle crusher. Students still keen on plastic being re-cycled if possible, Mr McVeigh still working on this.

The recycling of toner cartridges should be looked into further – Mr McCallum to deal with this issue.

Mr Cox is to produce a Powerpoint re: Phones For Schools appeal. This will be broadcast on Fresh prior to Christmas break. Students bringing in the phones will have the incentive of winning prizes for their contribution whilst also making a contribution to the environment – every one is a winner!

Mrs Campbell to produce name cards for all Student Eco-Committee members (dates of meetings printed on the back). Will be distributed in registers in the New Year.

Items outstanding:

Y7 asked whether the cleaning products used in the dining room are eco-friendly and look to consider using Ecover products as an alternative – Mr McCallum to speak with Mrs Jackson.

Y7 also raised the question of fruit smoothies being sold in the dining hall as a healthy option in the drinks machine. Fairtrade smoothies would be a good choice if they can be sourced, Mr McCallum to speak with Mrs Jackson.

Y7 asked if uniforms can be recycled in anyway – Mr Yule said a textile bank could be an option, Mr McVeigh to research this.

Y7 and Dr Wake to discuss possible ECO/Green version of Academy mascot, (still under wraps!)

Next Meeting of Student Eco-Committee to take place on Wednesday 7 February 2007, Period 1, Burton Room, Learning Centre.

Agenda Items you would like to be included should be sent to Dr K Wake or Mrs K Campbell (Science Dept) by Wednesday 31st January 2007.