

# ECO COUNCIL MINUTES

THURSDAY 20 MARCH 2008

1.45 AM

## BURTON ROOM

**Staff present:** Mrs Campbell, Miss Houghton, Mr McCallum, Dr Wake, Ms Wood.

**Apologies:** Mr Cox, Mr McVeigh

### MATTERS ARISING

#### 1) **Blue Bags**

New bags have been ordered as bags are still going missing out of the classrooms.

Mr McCallum requested that Mr McVeigh followed this issue up.

#### 2) **Bottle recycling / competition**

The competition for the best poster to be attached to the bins was won by Duncan Alexander of 7LGH.

It was felt that awareness of the bins needs to be raised and more bins need to be located in other areas such as Baristas.

Mr McCallum stated that it will take time for people to become aware of their responsibilities towards bottle recycling.

#### 3) **Fones for Schools**

We had forty five mobiles handed in for the Fones 4 Schools campaign which is considerably less in number than last year.

It was thought that more publicity is needed and the advertising for the project came a little late for it to have had a great deal of effect.

Perhaps posters and more information at an earlier date would make the campaign more successful next time.

#### **4) Paper Week**

A stand may be set up to make us aware of waste and how paper is made.

The firm that supplies the Academy with paper could raise our awareness of the waste and how we can control our everyday usage.

Mr McCallum suggested that there could be paper based lessons, quizzes, items on Fresh which would highlight the Paper week.

#### **5) Fair Trade**

Students from the Academy visited primary schools to play the chocolate game which enabled students to become familiar with how Fair Trade worked in other countries.

#### **Ideas to raise awareness were put forward;**

The concepts of Fair Trade could be taught in Citizenship.

The Fair Trade seed could be planted in Years 5 and 6 through Citizenship lessons.

Stalls of products to sell to students.

More opportunities to take forward to create a wider knowledge.

#### **6) Statistics**

Ruth presented the statistics of the energy charts to the Eco Council.

These charts will become more meaningful and informative when we have comparisons for year by year meter readings.

The group all agreed that much energy would be saved through switching lights off in classrooms at the end of the day.

#### **7) Environmental Fair**

Two students attended a fair at the Riverside stadium in Middlesbrough.

Business workshops were set up to promote sustainability and explain green issues further.

## **8) Ullswater**

N Power is running a course on the environment for year 8 students. It is thought that the company may want to give something back to the environment.

## **9) Website**

Miss Houghton has liaised with Mr King regarding the Website and the development of the sustainability site. They have discussed background and style and Mr McCallum will follow up their discussion with Mr King.

## **10) Clothes recycling**

Mrs Campbell has contacted a firm that recycles old clothes and pays 35 pence a kilo.

Blue bags will be issued at home for students to fill up and bring to the Academy. They will then be sorted and recycled.

We raised £32.00 last time and hope to raise much more when the firm visits again in July.

It was suggested that the lost property clothes from the Academy could also be bagged and sold.

## **11) Meetings**

More time for the Eco Council in the form of extra meetings was perhaps needed.

Suggestions for extra time could be in Enrichment time, break or in tutor time.

## **12) Weekend away**

A weekend away has been suggested for some of the group.

The vote was for a woodland weekend to build a shelter and to learn bush craft.

## **13) Notice board**

Apparently the notice board has disappeared from the Student Services area. It was suggested that maybe it could be situated in the Science block in the new building.

#### **14) Carlisle School visit**

A suggestion was made that students from the Eco Council could visit schools that perhaps need help and information to set up Eco conditions similar to Macmillan Academy.

Students were requested to think about the suggestion and report back to the next meeting.

The next meeting of the Eco Council is Thursday 8 May 2008.

Christine Wood  
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