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Minutes of the School Council Meeting 20.3.13

- Present:

| Class | Representatives |
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| Y1 | Ellie and Harry |
| Y2 | Jayden and Lucy |
| Y3 | Lucy and Nartaj |
| Y4 | Lilly and Lucas |
| Y5 | Children were training for tonight's football match |
| Y6 | Tarun and Jodie |

Mrs Hollis, Tina (School Kitchen), Yvonne (County Caterers)

- Minutes from the last meeting

Minutes were available, however they were not discussed as the main agenda item was Lunchtime arrangements, to be discussed with the visitors.

- Matters arising

Matters arising not discussed

- Lunchtime arrangements

Mrs Hollis introduced the visitors and explained what Yvonne's job was. She also shared that children had completed the questionnaire devised by Tina to find out about lunchtimes from the children.

Yvonne said that she likes to meet with the school council to find out what children like about school meals and what they think could be improved.

The council began to share their ideas (from themselves, class members, questionnaires and ideas in their boxes)

Children wanted bigger portions as they get hungry

Yvonne said that this was being looked at, the amount of vegetables available had been doubled and wholemeal bread had been added so that children could fill up on that

Children wanted cookies to be added to the morning snack trolley

Yvonne explained that they have to follow nutritional guidelines and so cookies had been removed. A possibility was that flapjack could be offered at break time at a cost of approx 25p, but the school would need to write and request this option. She said it was working well at St Michael's.

Children asked for a salad bar

Yvonne explained that they were trialling two options, a salad bar and a salad carousel. The salad carousel is a wheel with five sections and children can choose what they would like from peppers, sweetcorn, lettuce etc. This is an alternative to hot vegetables. A school is trialling the salad bar and they have a third, cold lunch option (sandwich/wrap etc) and have another wrist band.

Some schools are trialling jacket potatoes with a choice of filling as a main course

Yvonne will send us information about these options, Mrs Hollis asked if she could send some photos for the children to see the choices. The school council could write to another school doing the trial and ask for their opinion about the choices.

Children complained about the fish not being very nice and having 'hairs' and being brown. Tina explained that this had already been changed and Yvonne confirmed this, saying the fish chunks had been changed to Birds Eye fish fingers. They offered salmon as the children are supposed to have Omega 3 in their diet to improve their nutrition.

Children asked for cake without raisins and Mrs Hollis mentioned the date slice

Yvonne said that the cake and shortbread could be made plain with the fruit on the side for children to choose.

Children asked for cheese and tomato pizza without all the toppings.

Yvonne and Tina checked their menus and said that this could be done with sweetcorn on the side for those who wanted it.

Yvonne said that any tweaks to the menu could just happen, any changes needed a note in the file in case parents questioned the reasons.

Mrs Hollis shared that someone had written 'Lay off the meat' and another 'No horse meat'

Yvonne said that all their food is traceable from 'Red Tractor', tests were carried out and there was no horse meat. Children said they could share that info back in class.

Children shared their preferences for red plates and bowls/ brown trays

The questionnaires were about 50/50

Jodie had a genius idea, that the children could choose their plate each day

Tina suggested that she put all red plates and the brown trays at the back of the hall and the children could choose and bring it with them to the hatch. This will be started after Easter.

Mrs Hollis said that the queuing/ ticking off/ wrist band situation need to be sorted out by the adults to make things better for the children

The children returned to their classes at 1.45

Tina raised a concern about the classes not being rotated and it is always year three and four who have to go outside and come in second. This can be looked at.

There are also some children who go out without their pudding because of the queuing etc.

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