

TORQUAY BOYS' GRAMMAR SCHOOL

JUNIOR STUDENT COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 15th MARCH 2010

Present: James Dewing 13R1 (Chair), Mrs P. Lidbetter (Clerk), Christopher Lane 7B, Tom Burgess 7D, Elliott Simson 7F, Jake Belston 7G, Bradley Causey 7H, Seb Born 7R, Samuel McCarthy 8D, Kieran Wilson 8F, Freddie Hill 8G, Sam Goward 8H, Samuel Thompson 8R, Harry Morse 9B, Sam Singleton 9F, George Whittle 9H, Freddie Snoxall 9R

1. **Cycle Sheds.** Cycle sheds will be provided at some time in the future but there is no money to buy them this year.
2. **Card Reader.** The introduction of the Parent Pay system has meant changes in the software and the card reader no longer works. Purchase of a replacement card reader could not be justified at this time because of cost. The kitchen staff can give a card balance when paying at the till, if asked.
3. **Library.** Mrs Regan attended the meeting to discuss the Library's Code of Conduct which is to be up-dated for September and obtain student input; copies of the current code were circulated for discussion.
 - Use of power cards to take out books would disadvantage students who do not use a powercard.
 - The basic rules for use of computers in the Library is the same as in the rest of the school.
 - Mr Medhurst is looking into the use of power cards for transactions in the school shop. ASM
 - There are still problems with bags in the Library. The bag rack is not secure and students discussed ways in which it could be improved. The Librarians will talk to Mr Medhurst about making changes to help with bag storage. ASM
 - Mrs Regan would welcome any suggestions from students for books to be bought for the Library.
 - Revision guides are available at a cost of £2.
4. **Mr Passenger** attended the meeting to answer students' questions on the provision of sport at KS3.

Squash Club: Logistically, it is not possible to offer squash as a lunchtime club. It is offered as an option in Year 10 and above. If enough interest can be raised and it can be fitted in with other clubs, then it may be possible to run an after school club; Mr Passenger will look at this. BRP

Monday lunchtime clubs: a large number of clubs are run by staff at lunchtimes and trying to fit them all in can be difficult. Mr Passenger will look at the clash of clubs on a Monday and try to re-schedule some of them if it is possible. BRP

Water Polo: The only available time slot at Plainmoor for water polo practice at the weekend is 6.30am on Saturday mornings.

5-a-side tournament. Mr Passenger will make sure that this tournament goes ahead. BRP

<p>Gymnastics. Mr Passenger will look into the reason why some Yr 8 students have only had one gymnastics lesson this term. To answer why Yr8 students are given 5 single games lessons per fortnight rather than 2 doubles and a single as in Yr7, Mr Passenger explained that, in his experience, students received better quality of course coverage by having single lessons. The students thanked Mr Passenger for attending the meeting and providing them with a comprehensive explanation of how P.E. is delivered throughout the years.</p>	BRP
<p>5. Mufti Days. Student Council would like more than one mufti day per year – students see this as a good way of raising large amounts of cash for charitable courses.</p>	CDP
<p>6. Yr9 area: 9D had asked for a Yr9 common room area but this is not feasible. If an extra common room space can be found, the priority would be given to Yr11 students.</p>	
<p>7. Gate by the Music Block. Mr Penford will be asked to speak to Mr Medhurst about opening the gate by the Music department so that the path can be used as an access path from the top pitches. This path could also provide access to the existing bike shelter.</p>	CDP
<p>8. Vending Machines. It is too expensive to convert the existing vending machines for use by powercards. Students would like a further vending machine as the existing one can get over-crowded. They would like to be able to purchase the same drinks in the Bistro which are sold in the vending machines – all food related issues should be referred to Mr Blampied.</p>	
<p>Students would like a facility in the sandwich room for warming the pasta pots; they will speak to Mr Blampied.</p>	KB
<p>9. Benches. The benches in the Millennium Garden are rotten and students would like to see them replaced with metal benches which need little maintenance. Harry Morse will speak to Mr Godfrey about forming a Gardening Club to help keep the Millennium Garden tidy.</p>	HM
<p>Students would like benches in front of the Bistro area; this will be discussed again once the extension to the dining hall has been completed.</p>	
<p>10. Food Technology. This will be taught as part of the curriculum from September 2011.</p>	
<p>11. Pre-ordering food on the website. It was agreed that this would be too complicated to work.</p>	
<p>12. Toilets. The toilets at the bottom of the ramp are to be up-dated but there is not enough money to up-grade any other toilets in the school, at the present time.</p>	ASM
<p>13. Paper. The school is slowly moving towards becoming a paperless society. Putting information on the Intranet and reading notices out in Assembly will reduce the amount of paper sent to individual Tutor groups.</p>	
<p>14. Bell. Mr Medhurst has asked an engineer to make the bell for the top pitches louder and to also research putting in another bell on the top pitches. The bells in the changing rooms need to be turned down as they are currently too loud. There is currently no clock in the Sports Hall. Mr Medhurst will be asked if this can be replaced.</p>	ASM ASM