**Student Council Meeting Minutes**

**Date: 13/02/24**

**Attendance:** Mia, Alfie, Emma, Zach, Nessa, Talal, Emily, Kaiden, Marta, Alicja, Luke, Mark and Ms. Kenny

**Minutes:**

1.Mark read the minutes from the previous meeting.

* The Student Council will continue to make sure everyone has a play buddy on the playground.
* Gyopar has a number of people interested in setting up a lunchtime music club with her. Ms. Hurley is to find a suitable location to hold it as well as a place to store Gyopar’s drumkit.
* Some other suggestions for clubs were an art club, a football club, a gymnastics club and a rugby club.
* Luke has submitted a treasurer’s report. We have a balance of €258.30
* New books have arrived and Ms. Kenny is looking at setting up a new library system. More information to follow at the next meeting.
* Kaiden volunteered to set up the student council noticeboard and will talk to Ms. Kenny about it.

**Discussion and Decisions:**

1. **Sponsorship:** Ms. Hurley has asked that the student council write a letter to Homeland requesting sponsorship of a picnic table that would fit perfectly in An Cuan playground. A number of pupils agreed to draft a letter. Letters should be sent to Ms. Kenny by next Monday.
2. **Bins:** At the request of Mr. Maye we discussed ways in which we could reduce the amount of bins going to landfill each week. We came up with the following ideas which all members are asked to implement in their classes.
	1. Reduce the amount of blueroll used to dry hands. It was noted that many pupils use several sheets of paper when 1 or 2(maximum) is enough.
	2. Ensure that all pupils are ordering lunches that they will eat or logging in and opting out of the scheme if they prefer.
	3. All classrooms should have 2 bins- a recycling bin and a bin for general waste. Student council members to ensure that this is the case in their own classroom.
	4. Monitor the bins in class and make sure that any rubbish from homemade lunches is brought home and not added to school bins.
3. **Student Council Elections:** The elections for the next student council will take place on Thursday 7th March. All pupils (including current school council members} are eligible to put themselves forward. Ms. Kenny and some student council members will talk to each of the classes about this next week.
4. **Reading:** The school will be encouraging all pupils to read more during the month of March. The book fair will visit the school and there will be a number of reading initiatives to generate some interest and excitement around reading. World Book Day takes place on 7th March. Student Council members were given World Book Day vouchers to distribute to their classmates. These vouchers can be used in any bookshop between 15th February and 31st March.
5. The next meeting will be on Tuesday 5th March 2024 at 1pm in Ms. Kenny’s room. This meeting will be the last meeting of the current school council.

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