

## Meeting #1 – 30<sup>th</sup> October

The first Learner Council meeting was held at the Boscombe campus. The Learner Council was established before the new learners arrived in November, so the new learners would have the opportunity to be involved as soon as they started and it would be a seamless transition. The new learners also indicate a significant growth in SWRAC and it was decided that this was the perfect time to set up the Council. The initial meeting was small, with 4 Learner Council members - Harry, Ryan, Tiffany and Annie - and 3 members of staff - Adrian (MD), Becky (Tutor) and Sarah (Marketing).

As this was the first meeting, the majority of the time was spent welcoming the learners and the SWRAC staff who attended the meeting. The role and aims of the Learner Council was discussed, as was the decision behind the creation of the Council. Each provision representative shared some thoughts that had been collected from the learners within their provision.

## Boscombe Pathways

**Ryan and Harry, representatives for the Boscombe Pathways provision shared the feedback they had collected from their classmates:**

- Would like a TV in the games room to play the Wii
- It can get very cold in the games room and corridors – is it possible to look at the heating?
- WiFi
- More Board Games available for breaks

### Conclusions:

1. TV for the Wii
  - Adrian has agreed to look at this but there needs to be some learner behaviour agreement when using it so that tutors don't have to consistently call learners back into class after break. A trial run will be carried out and a draft 'Rules of use' will be created and discussed at the next meeting
2. Heating
  - There is no heating in the corridors, but we will look at the heating in the games room
3. Learner WIFI
  - Adrian has agreed that this can go ahead and will look to possibly create individual log in detail for learners. However, should the use of WiFi be abused then it can be turned off for that user until the tutor agrees for it to be put back on.
4. Board Games
  - There are a lot of board games at Merley House. We will look to see if they can come to Boscombe

## Weymouth Pathways

**Tiffany from Weymouth Pathways provision shared the feedback she had collected from her classmates:**

- Pool table
- Reward time for learners

### **Conclusions:**

1. Pool Table
  - Adrian said he has been looking at this but it needs to be carefully thought about due to a risk assessment necessity with some of the learners. It was suggested that perhaps an air hockey table or a table football set could be purchased in the first instance to see the response and then, moving on, if it was felt that the risk assessment has been managed and is OK then a pool table may be purchased
2. Reward Scheme
  - The offer of rewards or learner achievement was discussed. Ryan and Harry weren't keen on a daily reward idea but potentially a weekly / monthly one? Needs to be discussed further and learner feedback from the provisions gathered.

## **General Discussions**

### **Diary Room - Details**

Adrian talked about a Diary Room concept that had been introduced at Merley House. It had initially been really well received but its use had dropped off. He asked what the SWRAC Learner council thought of the idea and whether it should be introduced here?

### **Conclusions**

Learners weren't sure whether the diary room concept would be used but thought it should be given a try \* They thought that we should also have a suggestion box for learners to put ideas in too \* It was stated that at the moment there aren't many learners coming through the building so a small notebook is adequate. However, within six months the number of learners is likely to have trebled. As a result, the use of a video diary room and a feedback box would be a good idea to take the pressure off the reps but also if a learner can't find a rep and wants to feedback that day.

### **Creating a Learner Council Identity - Details**

It was asked if the learners would like to create a 'brand identity' for the council which was very positively received

### **Conclusions**

It was discussed that a SWRAC Learner Council Mission and Values be drafted and agreed at the next meeting. So that they are able to come up with a brand design that would help sit next to the SWRAC brand, support was offered by Sarah in Marketing. Tiffany said she liked art and would like to get involved in designing this

## **SWRAC Learner Council and Board Meeting Meetings - Details**

It was agreed that the SWRAC Learner council will meet once a month and a meeting would last approximately 30 – 45 minutes. The next SWRAC Learner Council meeting will be on Thursday 22nd November – venue TBC. An agenda will be circulated prior to this meeting SWRAC Board Meeting. Adrian stated that the Board meets on the last Monday of each month. He suggested that SWRAC Learner Reps attend every three months. He suggested that two Reps attend each time. The next board meeting is on Monday 26th November – venue TBC

## **Conclusions**

It was agreed that Tiffany and Ryan would attend the first Board Meeting on the 26th.