

Meeting #2 – 22nd November

The second Student Council meeting was held at the Boscombe campus again. Due to a resignation of Tiffany from Weymouth and the new students not arriving until 3rd December, the meeting consisted of 3 learners – Ryan, Harry and Robyn (deputy rep) - and 3 members of staff – Adrian (MD), Becky (Tutor) and Sarah (Marketing Coordinator).

Previous Meeting Updates

The action items for the previous meeting were gone over and information that needed clarification was provided:

- SWRAC Governor information
 - Ryan, Harry and Robyn will attend the governors' meeting on the 26th November
- A standard agenda was written up, handed out and agreed upon
- TV has been provided for the Wii
 - Needs a stand or a wall mount
- The heating of the building has been somewhat solved with tutors agreeing to turn on their heating and leave their doors open so the heat can spread to the corridors etc
- Student WiFi is in the works with Adrian just waiting on individual logins. This will be available for when the new students start on the 3rd December
- Board games have been brought over from Merley House
- Weymouth's pool table is in discussion with Weymouth tutors due to the student dynamic. Table football may be provided instead
- The reward scheme is still a split issue, with some students agreeing that social activities and trips are sufficient while other students would like an extra reward chart
- The diary room has been brought over from Merley House for students to try
 - It has been agreed that tutors will incorporate the diary room into the 4 weekly review process
 - The diary room needs to be in a secluded area so learners are comfortable expressing their thoughts, feelings and opinions
- Suggestion box is in progress
- Suggestions for the student council branding was brought to the group. The student council reps discussed which logo they preferred, opting to mix two of the logos together which will be completed and brought to the next meeting

Provision Feedback

As only Boscombe Pathways students were in attendance of this meeting, they are the only provision to give feedback.

- A learner in Harry's group requested more travel training
- All student reps are happy with the Pathways course and are happy about going into their new classes come 3rd December.
 - Robyn reported to have found the paperwork a bit stressful but overall found the found Pathways fun

Conclusions

- Travel training for Harry's classmate will be looked into
- Regular and clearer information will be given to students

General Discussions (matters arising)

Student Council Facebook Group - Details

Adrian discussed having a specific Student Council Facebook Group for learners to discuss issues, share information or feedback. The idea was debated between the Student Council reps.

Conclusions

The reps decided that there wasn't enough Student Council members for a Facebook group to be useful, however the idea would be broached again when the new students start on the 3rd December and there are more reps.

Student Identity Cards – Details

The idea of each student having their own identity card was brought up, with either cards or lanyards, symbolising collectiveness or a sense of identity. The cards may well tie in with student discount or the student WiFi logins.

Conclusions

The student reps were asked to speak to the learners in their provisions about whether identity cards were something they would like.

Upcoming Events

Collectively the SWRAC students will be organising a Christmas party for themselves on the 19th December. They will be planning, budgeting and running the student Christmas party. Adrian has agreed a budget of £170 for the whole event. The students will begin planning the Christmas party on the 3rd December.

Next Meetings

- There is a Governors' meeting at Boscombe on Monday 26th November
 - Harry, Ryan and Robyn will attend and introduce themselves to the Board and talk through their meetings and outcomes and discuss the diary room, Christmas party and the logo with them
- The next Student Council will be at the end of January – date yet to be agreed