

Pupil Council Minutes

Tuesday 7th October 2014

Starting time: 11.30 am

1. **Matters Arising** - N/A

2. **Timing of bells** - In the morning, first bell is not at half past. Only 2 minutes to get to rej. Suggestion back to 5 minute warning (0830).

3. **Uniform Survey** – results – 545 pupils asked: 51% no uniform, 30% full uniform, 19% current uniform. Full uniform popular in higher years, not sure if everyone voted – faults in voting system. There is scope for a more formal uniform survey which would have to include parents and staff.

4. **Dining Hall arrangements** – bunched up lines, clogging up tills, split lunch suggestion between years (S1-3 go at 1305, S3-6 go at 1310) but to swap times weekly. Mr MacDonald will speak to staff. Snack line – running low on food even if only a few minutes late for lunch – difficult to manage. People trying to get pudding/soup/trying to pay causes congestion, perhaps something should be moved back or forward to make more space. Suggestion for another cash machine upstairs; reminder that there is an online service.

5. **Food and drink in classrooms** – everyone should be allowed to drink water, except in science due to hygiene/safety. No food allowed in classrooms is fair.

6. **Bus times** – late in mornings, Orphir bus and Tankerness bus. Especially Fridays. Also late going home. Orphir bus is too small on a Friday and people are left standing as public also use the bus.

7. **Tannoy** - far too quiet. Mr McDonald is trying to sort it.

8. **Inter-house activities** - N/A

9. **School Radio** – suggestion of a radio club or something similar, hard to commit. Would anyone like it? Suggestion that Bulletin read over tannoy – not very keen, autonomy of rej. classes appreciated. People may not like having their name read

over the Tannoy? Playlist played on CD in morning, break and lunch. Contact Mr Ewing.

10. AOB

Phones – complaints about phones being confiscated for a whole week. And some pupils unable to contact their parents/home. SCHOOL POLICY CHANGED – if phone confiscated, it goes to the office and can be retrieved later in the day. Phones will never be confiscated overnight.

Temperature in classroom – if rooms warm, ‘some teachers’ reluctant to allow removal of school hoodie.

Finishing time: 12.20 pm