**Upper School Student Council Meeting Friday 18th October 2024**. 2.20pm in Life Skills

**Present:**

Staff: Katy, Janette, Elsa, Kath, Colin

Arran T, Ocean and Noah (Bowfell), Lucas and Ella (Haystacks), Oli and Max (Skiddaw), Billy and Tyler (Scafell), Jess and Klayton (Pillar), Jack (Helvellyn), Bailey and Evie (Fells).

**Apologies:** Alisha, Chloe, Esa, Rosie (Fairfield) - catch-up arranged for Monday 21st October.

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| **Agenda** | **Minutes** | **Action** |
| **Re-cap last meeting and progress towards last actions.** | Badges arrived and have been distributed.  Each class filled in a survey about display boards. Strong majority for a monthly Equality, Diversity and Inclusion board.  Some of the student suggestions from the last meeting have been discussed with SLT but there hasn’t been an Upper Site staff meeting yet.  We have started to make a School Council display in the corridor but still need to put names and photos up (where permission is granted). | Karen to choose monthly E, D&I theme and Katy and Janette to maintain.  Katy to discuss student suggestions at the next Upper Site staff meeting.  Katy to take photos of those who want their photo on display, then make a display of councillors. |
| **Eco Committee update** | Several classes have returned their environmental reviews and found it an interesting exercise. Janette will check all the answers and identify key areas to focus on. | Janette will collect reviews from Fells and Helvellyn. Janette and Skiddaw will complete the remaining reviews. Janette will compile results and arrange an Eco Committee meeting. |
| **Bake sale – Weds 23rd Oct** | We discussed the plan for the bake sale and the students chose tasks. We saved some tasks that we thought Fairfield councillors might like. Some students from Robinson and Glaramara will come to sit in LifeSkills for cakes and hot chocolate.  Students available to help before the sale will meet at 10am in Life Skills. Others will help afterwards or the next day/s with a trolley service.  Jess suggested that we spend money on a stage and sound equipment for the new school hall. | Katy to meet Fairfield councillors on Mon 21st Oct to share plan and let them choose tasks.  Katy to give councillors a Widgit plan on Monday. SLT to send Parent Mail about students being able to bring in money for bake sale.  Katy to check with Rib what items are already planned for the school hall. If these things are not accounted for then we would like funds to go towards them. |
| **Student suggestion box and any other business** | Arran T (Bowfell) had written a well-reasoned plea for the council to do something about persistent speeding along Appleby Road. We had mentioned this to Tim Farron in person, but Arran would like to write a letter to Tim about it. Everyone agreed that a letter was necessary, and we would like to write it together and send it from School Council, using Arran’s words as a basis.  Evie suggested a school council outing, which was met with a popular response. We suggested that it might be best in late spring or summer term. Colin suggested an Eco-themed destination/purpose.  As above, Jess suggested a stage, sound equipment and microphones for the new school hall.  Someone had put a note in the box asking for friends to go to Friday club with. We are not sure of the author – and only assume it means Well Being Club - but would like to make sure the person who is perhaps hesitant to go can be encouraged with a buddy. | We agreed that in the next school council meeting we will work on a letter, Katy having drafted a framework first. We will do a widgit version – Katy to bring laptop to next meeting. Katy to also check with Dan that this is ok.  Katy to discuss with teachers and SLT in the spring term while everyone thinks of a worthwhile Eco-themed-and-friendly outing.  Katy to check with the new build team what we already have on the list.  Katy to ask staff if they have any idea who this might be so that we can provide a buddy for attending well-being club on a Friday. |

**Next meeting:** Friday 8th November 2.20pm, Life Skills.

**Focus:** Writing a letter to Tim Farron about speeding on the Appleby Road; and introducing the idea of Student Council organising a Talent Show for the end of term.