



**MINUTES OF SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING  
WEDNESDAY, 14 November 2018 @ 9:30am**

**PRESENT:**

F3 : Harry, Hannah  
C3 : Jake, Josh  
L1 : Elliott, Emily, Chris  
L3 : Aaron, Scott  
GC1 : Eve, Cameron  
GC3 : Jordan, Lottie  
GCC : Kieron  
Hoyland : Shannon, Dakota

**ABSENT:**

C1 : Aaron, James  
C2 : Toluwa, Harry  
L2 : Neil, Courtney  
GC2 : Emily, Alex  
GCC : Leighton  
Kexborough : Ben, Joshua  
Carlton : Lee, Trinity

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

Zoe  
Kathryn  
Emma  
Jacob (guest speaker from GC2)  
Marie

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Zoe welcomed everyone to the meeting and reminded the student councillors that at the last school council meeting they were asked to think about and ask other classmates about the Shoe Box Appeal and what kind of things they could buy in one. Councillors had asked and responses had been written down and lots of councillors had i-pads.

Aaron – he didn't get chance.

Chris – suggested trainers, Zoe asked how would Chris know what size to buy and he said he would look at the tongue. Zoe said that she would bet that they would like them and thanked Chris for doing his council job.

Hannah - a princess dress for a girl. who has no dress princess toys what about a boy Harry – Zoe asked Harry, what did his friends suggest? Was it sweets or toys? Zoe said that she would let Harry have a think and come back to him.

Jordan, Josh and Lottie – they had had a vote and decided to do a girl shoe box. Jordan suggested a blanket.

Zoe asked, do you think the children in other countries are the same or different.? One response was that they live in warm weather. Lottie, said that they have got different skin colour. Zoe asked, are they the same on the inside? On Christmas day if Mum and Dad said get back to bed there are no presents what would you say? Would you go looking for your presents. The council all agreed they would want presents and Zoe said

that children in Africa and other countries would very much want presents because they are the same as you. But they might not have a mum, or clothes or shoes and they might not celebrate Christmas.

Zoe introduced Jacob so that he could show the council the Powerpoint that he had prepared. Firstly, Jacob showed a film showing children in Africa opening their shoe boxes. The film showed a classroom full of children who were very excited and filled with happiness, there were shouts of joy. The councillors were all very thoughtful and quiet whilst watching the film and someone said there are lots of presents and everyone is very excited.

Jacob covered what is allowed in a shoe box:

Toys - a doll, a toy truck, harmonica, yo-yo, skipping rope.

School supplies – pens, pencils, writing pads, notebooks.

Hygiene items - toothbrush, toothpaste, comb, hairbrush, soap, hair accessories.

**Please note** this is the last year sweets can be sent in the shoe box because they might be over the expiry date before they reach the children. Next year we may be able to send sweets if they have a long date on them for example before 1 March 2019.

Jacob added that you could include a photograph of you and your family so that the children can see who has sent them their shoe box. The photograph could even be of you opening a present. You do not need to, but it would be very nice.

What you **can't** send:

Liquid, chocolate, war toys eg guns, knives. No handmade or stuffed soft toys. Zoe asked Jacob, why not soft toys?

Jacob explained that the charity who organise the Shoe Box Appeal are called the Samaritans. The Samaritans help the poor and the sick. The people who send our shoe boxes believe in God and Jesus. Six of the council believed in God and Jesus. Zoe will take them to a shop in Barnsley and the people behind the counter will give them to the Samaritans. Zoe showed the shoe boxes to the council. Zoe asked, would you be able to fit a digger in? No, of course not, but small things will fit in. All councillors must do their job and ask everybody to bring things in.

Jacob then showed his shoebox. He has wrapped it in bright Christmassy wrapping paper. It must have a label with girl or boy and the age. Zoe said, Wow it is packed full. Jacob got out the things and showed them. A woolly hat and scarf, a toy helicopter, chocolate coins (just this year), gummy mix, toothpaste and a toothbrush. Zoe said just imagine how a child would feel having never received any of that. Zoe asked how Jacob had decided what to put in the shoe box and he had decided with his mum, an adult. Zoe said it was a good idea for councillors to get help from an adult.

Zoe asked if anyone had done anything like this before and Lottie said last year, they did a girl shoe box. It had hair bobbles, colouring pads and pencils, lots of little things. Zoe said what a good idea a colouring pad was.

Jacob then set a question for the councillors to research with their class. Before the next meeting please can you and your classmates research the story of the Good Samaritan. It is a story from the new part of the bible, in Luke. Is it a sad story or a happy one?

Trish has said that the £5 that we need for each shoe box can come out of the school fund. The cost is to get the shoe box to where it is going. Zoe said that this means that councillors do not have to worry about the £5 for each box.

Lottie asked if it just a fiver and Zoe said Yes that is all it costs.

Zoe asked for volunteers to help give out drinks, apples and snacks for a 10 minute break? Josh, Jordan and Shannon volunteered.

Marie stepped in and asked Zoe how the meeting was going. Zoe advised Marie that most councillors had done as requested and asked their class. Zoe was very pleased.

After the break Jacob continued with his Powerpoint.

Jacob advised that the 18 November is when the shoe boxes need dropping off but Zoe said don't worry if it's a bit later but we will aim for that.

Jacob told the journey of a shoe box. From the drop off it goes to a processing centre and then in a big truck where it gets shipped across the sea. Churches, groups and schools are amongst over 1000 volunteers that check before they go off. Zoe asked Why do you think they are checked? Scott said they might forget and put the wrong thing in. That is right. Lots of people are involved and the boxes are distributed worldwide. Zoe asked what does distribution mean. Lottie said it means, gets shared out like our apples and biscuits.

Jacob said more than 100 countries join in. The story of Jesus is told. Gods greatest gift is Jesus. Zoe asked if anyone knew when is Christmas day, she asked Harry do you know? We know it's in December, does Chris know? yes, the 25<sup>th</sup>. Wouldn't it be great if they got to open their presents on the same day as us?

Zoe showed some YouTube short films whilst Leighton, Chris and Neil collected the cups back up. Whilst this was happening, Lottie gave out the shoe boxes to each class.

The film was entitled Operation Christmas Child. 'Small gift big future'. 'Smiles from the eyes, the very first gift that they have ever received in their lives.' 'You know you are changing people's lives.' Were some of the words from the film.

A child in the film asked God for a bible and he got one along with toys in his shoe box. He also received a book and a certificate in his own language.

Zoe stopped the film when it finished and asked that councillors ask their class whether they want to put a photograph or even a short note in their box but remember there is only 4 days until collection. They also must, if they haven't already, decide, if they want to do a girl or boy shoe box.

**Actions:**

- Before the next meeting please can you and your classmates research the story of the Good Samaritan. It is a story from the new part of the bible, in Luke. Is it a sad story or a happy one?
- Zoe will e-mail teachers with Jacob's Powerpoint.
- Zoe stopped the film when it finished and asked that councillors ask their class whether they want to put a photograph or even a short note in their box but remember there is only 4 days until collection. They also must if they haven't already decide if they want to do a girl or boy shoe box.

The meeting closed at: 10.30am

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