**SCHOOL COUNCIL SUB-COMMITTEE**

**CURRICULUM**

**Wednesday 7th December 2022**

**Present:- Sub-Committee Members, Mrs Cross, Mrs Warren**

The committee discussed at length the Minutes of each year group meeting.

Mrs Cross explained that the Behaviour and Canteen Committee have already met and the Premises Committee will meet next week.

**Mrs Cross asked if anyone had noted evidence of the curriculum pathway and roadmap around the academy.**

Year 5 – Yes in their French lesson. However, in other rooms the message was confusing. Mr Webb and Mr Colman’s rooms have good displays in them, but most classrooms do not have evidence.
Year 6 – Found the book size versions very useful, would be helpful to have them in all subjects.
Year 8 – Geography/History were very good, there are a lot of displays, and they are good for remembering and revision – this information needs to be available across other subjects. They have also seen evidence in Maths and English.

Mrs Green’s room was highlighted by all pupils as having very useful information on the walls, it was very helpful.

Year 7 committee members were unaware of curriculum pathway displays, and said that it had not been explained to them.

Mrs Cross confirmed that she would be discussing this with Heads of Department shortly. She informed the meeting that curriculum information was on the Oakfield website, but pupils said they did not go on the academy website regularly. They regularly check in with google classroom though.
Mrs Cross said that learning journeys will be added to the website for parents to read and understand how to use them for planning family trips and days out to support learning.

Mrs Cross said that Mrs Ingram and Mrs Bryan had conducted learning walks, looking at the environment in classrooms. Classrooms were discussed with pupils, to get a better understanding of what it was like to learn in each room.

Mrs Warren asked the meeting for examples of good classrooms…

* Mr Colman’s room was one of the best because it was nice and tidy
* 5S had great displays
* The Art room also had good displays
* Mr Reynolds History room was a favorite classroom
* 5R was a good room for learning Maths
* Mrs Brown’s room was also a very comfortable room to work in

Pupils also mentioned that some classrooms were “too busy and could be over-stimulating.

In general, no classrooms were identified as being a bad environment. Mr Webb’s room was described as a noisey room, but all pupils agreed that they did not like working in a silent room. Comments were also made about some of the rooms during Lesson 3, after break, when there could be food left on the tables.

**Mrs Cross invited comments about the layout of classrooms**

Some of the classrooms could feel very “tight”. In the Science labs some of the seats are with their back to the teacher, which can make it uncomfortable having to turn your neck continually.

Mrs Cross said that at the next Curriculum Meeting she would like members to come back with more feedback from their year groups.

A number of the committee agreed that they would like to request specific clubs, e.g. Creative Clubs, Computer Clubs for lunch time and after school. Mrs Cross said that she would look into creating a survey and see what could be done about this. Pupils also felt that a lunchtime homework club would be good.

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