Pupil Council

Date: 14/02/2025

Present: Miss Gibson and pupils from Junior student union group

Choose 1 development target idea and achieve this by Easter Holidays (Senior Phase), before timetable change (Juniors; mid-late May)

No.	Agenda Item (s)	Key QI's	Discussion	Action Points
1.	**Learning and Teaching**		homework club	There is now a teacher taking homework club on a Wednesday- pupils spoke to Mr Stewart about this during the meeting.
2.	**Happiness of the Child**		Taking a break from club investigating/ developing; Activity days Pupils enjoy activity days but are also conscious that if they occur too often, they will lose enjoyment of them, the example of social dancing during the last day of term before Christmas was an example of an activity that only happens once a year that was thoroughly enjoyed More areas to charge your phone. Useful if you really need to contact home about things after school. Pupils bring their own cables and chargers. Spring Dance for Juniors? Will there be one? Junior student union would like to have one. Football schedule could be improved- Is the pitch closed unnecessarily at lunch time? Could we make better use of all of the pitches at lunch times so that more pupils can play at lunch? Does this mean asking more teachers for help? An we have a school captain/ prefects help?	the group noted that there is now a list of all clubs in the street for easy access. Pupils should continue to come up with activity day ideas at future meetings, this is of interest and importance. The pupils visited Mr Stewart who confirmed for them that there will be a trip to enjoy Christmas Service at the Church, and they will also get to enjoy the whole school Ceilidh as they did last year. Pupils are looking forward to these activities as they involve pupils and staff. Boys bathrooms seem like they are rarely open, pupils realise this is because they aren't being used responsibly. Have accessible toilets been turned into staff toilets, it seems like there are less toilets available.

3.	**Raising Attainment differentiation**		Satchel 1 – pupils are reporting issues with using this platform. Homework on google classroom- satchel 1; ensuring homework tasks are set as assignments- so that pupils get notifications about tasks that need to be completed.	
4.	**Newsletter**		How to get the attention of more pupils, so that more pupils read the important information shared weekly in the school newsletter	More images in the newsletter Can the newsletter be shortened, pupils suggesting it is quite lengthy, perhaps less detail. Can the weekly newsletter challenges be switched up 'No big long paragraphs' Could someone read the newsletter out, instead of or in addition to it being online. Could there be morning announcements to find out information. Can pupil union/ council share / take control of announcements? Can pupils help to write the newsletter instead of teachers because pupils know what they want to read in the newsletter. Could there be a summary at the top so you don't have to scroll to find if there is relevant information to you. Perhaps the newsletter could only have specific/ relevant to year groups or junior/ senior phase. Could newsletter information be shared on the projector at break time? Could there be print outs of the newsletter?
5.	**Pupil Council numbers**		How to have S1 pupils recruited into the Council/ Union	A group of pupils visited Pupil Support and Pupil Support have already started nominating S1's to join the SU- their names are being shared with MS Gibson. They'll be invited to join the next meeting by existing PC members, and added to GClassroom.
6.	**Development idea for 2024-2025**		Upgrading the library	(Currently quite plain) Climbing wall sofa- increases space for the amount of pupils who can do reading in the

			Library staffing Can the student union have an influence on responsible use of toilets for boys and girls, so that they aren't closed as much for All pupils? Mr Stewart has approved this today, based on conditions: kept clean (no food or drink) no littering/ use bins, quiet at all times (pupils studying), no touching library books (it's a study space not used for library purposes), sign in and out sheet, closed by facilities during break and lunch,	library. More books, more shelving. More variety of books. Can we get replacement computers in the library? Desktop computers? So they cant be moved from the library- they are permanent. could staff 'man' the library, for a studying space? free periods. the only space they have is the common room which is only for S6's. no eating or drinking, kept clean. should be kept closed at break and lunch time. designated study area (potentially for seniors S4-S6) Freya/ and or Cameron to ask Mr Stewart about this. Mr Stewart has approved this based on some criteria: kept clean (no food or drink) no littering/ use bins, quiet at all times (pupils studying), no touching library books (it's a study space not used for library purposes), sign in and out sheet, closed by facilities during break and lunch, Set up and run by 5 responsible Advanced Higher pupils including Freya Rasmussen. The study space is not for S4 or S5 (who don't get designated study periods, unless they have dropped subjects) Pupils are finding it very frustrating and unfair that they can't find a toilet to use when needed- often pupils will go to the same accessible toilet. Pupils are aware that some pupils ask out to the toilet unnecessarily.

				Need to speak to Mr Stewart about this matter. Bullying taking place in bathroom stops pupils from using bathrooms. Vaping. Food vandalism/ eating lunch. Don't take food and rubbish into bathroom- have a bin inside the bathroom. Can Janitors help with not allowing pupils to take rubbish into bin? Punishments for i.e. vaping. 3-day detention? Blue card for vaping. Posters to promote responsible use of toilets and remind pupils of repercussions of misusing bathroom spaces.
7.	**Development idea for Junior student union members**		football tournaments (Clydesdale Cup) **for all of BGE**. Run by Mr Stewart, PE teachers. April/ May during class time. (Mrs Mackintosh? to oversee lunch time/ after school football) John to ask Tom (Mentor) Indoor seats for more pupils for break and lunch time (does this mean more tables) Is space an issue? (1 or 2 extra tables in the street) Accommodating a few more seats for pupils. Katie and Eilidh to ask Mr Stewart. Can pupils have paper towels to dry hands as hand dryers are very weak and takes a long time to dry hands. Security cameras in school building in the street? (to be able to open up pupil bathrooms) i.e. at the entrance of the bathroom.	We discussed issues with setting all of these development ideas up