



**Riverside Meadows**  
Academy



## You Said, We Listened!

**A terrific third school council meeting with some great ideas coming out.**

**I have read your minutes and this is what we are going to do:**

<b>The School Council Said.....</b>	<b>As Headteacher I say.....</b>
Can we have the second assembly on a different day?	I recognise that the assemblies aren't always working at the moment and we will be having Monday and Friday assemblies back. The Monday assembly will be held by a member of SLT, with Friday continuing to be the British Values-Focused Assembly with rewards.
Can tutor time return on a morning as some students have anxieties and don't like talking to tutors in front of people in the hall?	We moved tutor time into the hall for two reasons. One was because too many students were starting to walk around the corridors rather than go into form time. The second is that the door at the end is broken and we are trying to reduce its use until it can be replaced over the summer holidays. We will discuss this in SLT meetings and try and find a solution.
Can we have ear defenders in every classroom to help students deal with noise?	If that will help people focus and improve your learning then I will order some.
Can we have toast and bagels as some students don't like bagels in the morning as they are crunchy and chewy.	I will ask the kitchen also to do some toast. Don't forget that there is also cereal and porridge too.
Can we have a better punching bag and people trained in using it?	I will look into the expense of having people trained, and if it's possible, then I'll look at replacing the punching bag.
I'm fed up with some students ruining my stuff in the one-to-one room.	I feel the same. There is still a small group of students who are breaking or destroying things which makes me sad as the majority of students in the school are fantastic and respect each other. If you know who they are, please let the staff team know so appropriate sanctions can be put into place. In the meantime, make sure that all your things are put away at the end of the lessons.

We don't like some house activities.	Please let your heads of house know what activities you would like and they will put them into place.
We need better computers for ICT lessons, with computers allocated to individual students	I agree and this has been built into my ICT plan for the school. I'm aiming for all keystages to have access to an iPad by the end of the year, and for all students to have their own school iPad by the middle of next year. You won't be taking them home though.
Thank you for putting first aid into the curriculum.	That is fine, as I said, it is the one life skill we should all have!
Enterprise is child labour!	I'm sorry you feel like that. Enterprise is a lesson where you practice different life skills like budgeting, buying, selling and safety. Don't forget that all the money you raise through your Enterprise gets put back into the academy and it pays for your rewards trips and contributes to large expensive projects like iPads and residential trips. There are going to be changes in Enterprise in September.....
We need to learn life skills.	.... and this is it! You already learn life skills, but they are hidden and taught throughout other subjects. As of September, you will have four lessons each week where you specifically learn life skills such as how to use transport, open bank accounts, do outdoor education, cycle, learn bush craft, and have a completely different focus on Enterprise which is much more planning, financing and researching projects to make money and sell them in a shop in St Neots to the public.
New and different rewards, please.	Thank you for discussing the rewards. We are now putting your ideas into place and I can confirm that there will be a range of options available. Doc will tell you about this in an assembly soon.

**I look forward to the next meeting.**

**Andrew**