School Council minutes – March 2019

School Meals Taster Session

Scarlet and Alex Y6, Evelyn, Mia-Leigh and Shane Y5, Charlie, Jack and Terry Y4,

 Lillie Y3, Flynn and Lucy Y2, Mrs Kilpatrick, Miss Brooks and Mrs Wake (Catering manager)

The school council met with the catering manager to talk about school meals and the new menu for the Spring 2 term. The children enjoyed a tasting session of some new foods that the catering team would like to try on the menu. The food they tasted were;

* Lemon Sole
* Fish goujons in batter
* BBQ Pork
* Sausage Pie
* Italian Style Mince
* Chicken nuggets in a sweet and sour sauce
* Sausage pasta

The children enjoyed a lot of the food available and discussed with Mrs Wake which food they preferred and what they would like to see on the menu. The council asked lots of questions about the menu and spoke with Mrs Wake about what changes they would like to see and also about some of the issues that are happening during lunchtime. These are some of the questions or issues discussed:

Question: The children would like to see more variety – in particular more jacket potato options during the week

Answer: Mrs Wake said that this can be arranged for the new menu

Question: The children would like the vegetables to be separate, rather than mixed together, such as the peas and sweetcorn

Answer: Mrs Wake has spoken with the cook and this can be arranged

Question: The children requested more salad to be available or a salad bar

Answer: Although it is difficult to add a specific salad bar, Mrs Wake can add options such as, carrot batons, cucumber batons and cherry tomatoes as a more regular choice

Question: There is often no custard available, even though it is on the menu and the cake is too dry

Answer: Mrs Wake will speak with the cook to make sure there is enough custard to serve

Question: The children would like more pizza options throughout the week

Answer: As the menu needs to follow certain nutrition standards, it wouldn’t allow lots of pizza options, but Mrs Wake suggested that we could have themed menu’s more often, for example, an Italian themed menu, which may include different pizzas

Question: The children would like pancakes to be available more frequently

Answer: Mrs Wake said that this can be arranged for the new menu

Mrs Wake will meet with the School Council on Tuesday 26th March to show them the new menu and where possible, which will include their suggestions, and then make any final changes.

Mrs Wake also discussed some additional options and ideas, such as having themed menu’s more often, displaying the school menu more around the school hall near the kitchen and displaying pictures of ‘today’s menu’