



Cross-Site School Council Minutes

Monday 8th June 2026

Attendance			
Southwold Primary School:	Orchard Primary School:	Hoxton Garden Primary School	Adults:
Eliza Laeth Nico Willow	Jermaine Chloe Faith Zach	Sam Nylah Aleena Raniya Leo David	Ms Todesco Ms Siddique Ms Alex Ms Chelsea

Agenda Items:

Item	Discussion	Action
What issues have you been focusing on during School Council Meetings?	Southwold: Earth Day and how to reuse and recycle, mental health and how breathing can support reducing stress, and the importance of looking after our shared spaces and resources, e.g. pens, pencils, etc. Orchard: Wellbeing and supporting students with their mental health. School Council at Orchard often practise anti-stress exercises in School Council meetings before delivering it to their classes. Orchard have also focused on supporting the wider community, such as raising money for the local soup kitchen through various events like selling hot chocolate. Hoxton: Fundraising money for the school community through initiatives such as Cosy Day, how to be active more during school as well as at home, more opportunities for students to participate in sports competitions (including against other schools in the Federation as well as in Hackney)	Southwold to work with eco-team to support green initiatives that support the local community, such as local litter picking and planting greens. Orchard to gather feedback on student wellbeing exercises and identify additional support that students may need.

		Hoxton Garden to explore opportunities for more active playtimes and lunchtimes, as well as to gather ideas for more sports clubs students would like to participate in. All schools to feedback at next session, for a focus in Autumn in the three key areas of mental health, physical health and supporting the local community.
Events	What events have we organised this year within our schools? What impact have you had within our wider community? Hoxton Garden: popcorn stand for charity, as well as Cosy Day Orchard: regular hot chocolate stands for the local soup kitchen as well as national charities Southwold: regular ice lolly stands for national charities, movie nights, Which charities have we individually chosen to support? How much money has been raised? Orchard – Save the Children (estimated: over £200) Southwold – NSPCC (estimated: £300) Hoxton Garden – Hackney Children and Baby Bank (estimated: over £150).	School Council leads will talk with Treasurers to establish final amounts fundraised at the end of the academic year. To identify and plan more ways to make a direct impact on a community, including volunteering with local charities. Plan a joint fundraising event across all three schools to have a larger impact on the community.

		Each school to set a fundraising target, with updates given regularly throughout the year track and build excitement.
Competitions	Which competitions have we held this year? Do you have any feedback on what's gone well, and what could be done differently? Orchard: Spelling Bee, Orchard's Got Talent, Easter Bonnet, NFL Competition Southwold: Timetables Competition, NFL, Southwold's Got Talent, Chinese New Year Art Competition, World Book Day costume competition Hoxton: Valentines Day Bake Off, Hoxton's Got Talent, Debate Mate Competition Are there any further suggestions you have for future competitions? More sports competitions between schools in the Viridis Federation, as well as in Hackney. Teachers vs Students competitions, such as NFL, hockey, dodgeball, etc. More auditions to be on sports teams More of a profile for competitions, including rewards such as medals, class rewards, etc. More guests to encourage student participation, e.g. Southwold enjoyed having a lawyer present when it was the Dragons' Den competition	Organise Teachers vs Student competition. Southwold have voted on hosting a hockey game for charity. Find more opportunities for students to represent their schools at local and nationwide events. Introduce a clearer rewards system such as medals, trophies, celebration assemblies, etc. More opportunities for students to trial and join sports teams.
SW Learning Walk (KMRM)	What is working well in SW classrooms? Prior learning questions are established in each class, with classes responding to these through speech bubbles 3Cap evident in class at the beginning of each lesson Artefacts for topics on display, e.g. RE and Geography Dual coded key words Week 1, Week 2, etc. work on display, with images to support understanding and engage with prior learning Knowledge organisers on desks in necessary lessons	Students to feedback to their class councils about Knowing More, Remembering More and ways this can be facilitated in the classrooms.

Ideas for future School Council foci	What ideas do you have for future School Council foci? Students identified that having sensory baskets (e.g. ear defenders, fidgets, etc.) in each class would be more inclusive and help support learning The opportunity to meet more regularly as School Councillors to have a wider impact on the school and local community Reward systems to support good behaviour, e.g. the class with the highest school attendance goes to the park that week. .	Identify ways we can make a positive impact on our local community with more cross-site meetings. Explore new rewards systems and trial them, monitoring the difference made.
AOB	More cross-site meetings, with the opportunity to volunteer and support the community	
Next Meeting: Autumn		