

EARLSHEATON TECHNOLOGY COLLEGE

YEAR NINE COUNCIL MEETING

MINUTES

MEETING HELD ON Wednesday October 21st 2009

PRESENT: Megan Hopkins; Zoe Sheard; Elise Jevans; James Goodlad; Zainab Firdos; Julie Mason

Non Attendance Catherine Beverely; MaCauley Parkinson; Elisha Harris; Liam Pollitt; Josh Morton; Louis Dawson

Discussion on Values of the School

There was a long discussion as to what should be the values that the school stands for. Six statements were agreed. They were as follows

- *Earlsheaton Technology College should give all students equal opportunities*
- *Earlsheaton Technology College should be a welcoming school to all*
- *Earlsheaton Technology College should embrace new learning wherever possible*
- *Earlsheaton Technology College should provide help to all students where it is needed*
- *Earlsheaton Technology College believes that good behaviour leads to good learning*
- *Earlsheaton Technology College believes that everyone should be treated with respect*

Safeguarding

There was a discussion on how safe students felt when they were at school

- *It was recognised that the Maglocks on the doors did prevent unwanted intruders from gaining access to the school.*
- *The badges issued to visitors helped identify strangers and controlled their entrance to school.*
- *However the corridors were too narrow in places and crushes occur which was dangerous for students.*
- *There was concern about the infrequency of fire drills.*
- *PHSCE programme did cover aspects of keeping safe especially sexually; although there could be better information about being safe when in the community e.g. rail safety, water, firework safety safety.*
- *Some council members felt that not all pupils knew what steps they could or should take in school if they felt unsafe. Perhaps the planner could contain information although it was agreed that the helpline numbers in the planner were very useful.*
- *There should be clearer information displayed around school about what to do if a student was being bullied or harassed.*