Mid Secondary MSC Meeting

9th February

St John Payne

**Attendance**

St John Payne

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**Minutes**

It was great to see everyone get together and I am pleased that MID secondary is slowly having more attendance too, which is great to see!

We started off with:

1. *Poverty – what could be done to support more young people in schools?*

Lots of different ways to support them by:

* All children to have free school meals and to have wider range of options for food.
* We should not be paying for equipment that we need for school as it should be provided.
* Bus fares for schools should be cheaper or free.
* Provide/donate clothing’s.
* To give leeway’s when they forget or lose equipment as they get strikes on their cards.
1. *Vote – group to vote on our next focus topics from September 2024*

I asked everyone what they think should be our next focus topics from September and this is the tally I have collected from all young people.

* Global warming/ preparing for adulthood.
* Mental health/ preparing for adulthood.
* Autism/ mental health
* Online safety
* Bullying/ mental health
* Behaviour/ bullying
* Mental health/ online safety
* Preparing for adulthood/ mental health
* Autism/ ADHD/ dyslexia
* Bullying/ dyslexia

We went on our break which the young people helped themselves to lots of biscuits!!

Moving on to our next item on the agenda which was:

1. *How could the national curriculum be improved – what should young people be learning in schools?*

This topic was certainly interesting to talk about and lots of great suggestions from the young people!

* First aid training
* Mental health, physical disabilities and learning differences should be a subject rather than included in the PSHE.
* To have more options for GCSE’s (to have 4 instead of 3)
* To have more interactive activities in the classroom, ie, in maths lessons – to play maths games so it helps them to learn more.
* Learn medical stuff.
* To choose one language so it frees up more time.
* To have more lessons on RE – especially about tolerance
* To learn more about the working life – ie, jobs, etc
* Money management
* Survival skills
* Life skills
* Online safety

Finally, onto the last item on the agenda:

1. *Board games – what are yours and your friends favourite board games to play (non-electronic)*

I am so sorry that I may have not included everything because it was so difficult to hear some of the young people!

* Charades
* Chess
* Uno
* Monopoly
* Go fish.
* The castle
* Magic gallery
* Frustration
* Pictionary
* Operations ouch!
* Poker
* Cluedo
* Guess who.

Thank you so much to all the young people who attended todays meeting, it was great to hear some of your opinions and ideas! Thank you also to St John Payne for being a fantastic host!