



Malmö stad

SÖDERKULLASKOLAN

Minutes of School Council Meeting
November 10 2009

Present

Staff

Elna Bagewitz Nilsson
Christina Hagelin
Lars Månsson
Anita Larsson
Christina Lilje
Rolf Pålsson
Ulrika Rosengren
Ann-Charlotte Sjöberg Nilsson
Lilian Streimert
Christl Ström

Teacher Yellow Team
Teacher Blue team
Principal, Chair
Teacher Red team
Deputy Principal
School Secretary
Deputy Principal
Student welfare
Teacher Olive green team
After-school care

Parents

Christin Herbertsson
Pia Munch

Students

Absent

Kelly Sandström
Teacher Communication class

Student 9A

1. Meeting opened by Lars Månsson

Introduction of School Council members.

2. Regulators

Christina Hagelin and Pia Munch.

3. Previous minutes

4. Information from students

Year 7-9 students have made some requests concerning the pavilions. The staff dining room is now being used as a common room.

K-building

The clocks on the building are not working.

All the clocks will be started when the renovation is finished.

5. Questions from parents

Do different city districts use the substitute teacher pool to different extents? We have heard that there is no shortage of substitute teachers in other districts. There seems to be too much planned absence, when no substitute teachers cover the lessons.

Decision of School Council:

- Rolf will find out if other districts in Malmö have a pool/bank of substitute teachers

The school could be better at informing students about cancelled lessons.

Rolf pointed out that information about substitute teachers and cancelled lessons is available:

- on notice-boards in Svaneholm, the C-building and the dining-hall
- on Pednet
- on the home page

Are there any teachers who have homework support included in their schedule? If so, is that support available to all students? Where is information about this to be found?

Ann-Charlotte and Elna gave info about homework support:

- one Social Studies teacher gives homework support
- there is a homework club in the International School three days per week. Students from other classes are also welcome to attend, although this has not yet been announced officially.
- homework support has been offered by Maths and Natural Science teachers

- all teachers offer help after difficult lessons
- Students at Malmö Borgarskola offer homework support in Mathematics and Spanish via MSN, Mondays – Thursdays 17.00-21.00.

Lars said that Söderkulla School could develop a similar homework support service.

Students in Years 1-3 do not receive any homework support.

It was suggested that parents could be informed about homework support during the development talk.

There are still complaints that the school lunch portions are too small and that there is not enough food to go round.

If the set meal runs out, it is replaced by an alternative dish.

Parents are welcome to the school kitchen, both to eat lunch and to speak to the manageress.

It was pointed out that the portions are small because students do not always eat all the food which is on their plate.

Decision of the School Council:

- Ann-Charlotte and Elna will discuss with the kitchen manageress why the salads and raw vegetables often run out.

K building

- *There is a stair-railing on the top floor which is considered dangerously low.*

Christina L said that although the railing complies with E.U. regulations, it will be raised 20 cm.

The clothes hangers are not bolted to the floor because they are so heavy that they cannot be overturned.

- *Has there been a final inspection of the building and the grounds? Is there a safety officer at the school?*

Christina L replied that there has been an inspection.
Christl Ström is the safety officer.

- *The gaps between the cement benches on the schoolyard are so small that there is a risk of injury if a child's foot got trapped there.*

Christina L replied that the gaps are large enough for any risk to be minimal. The soft surface under and around the playground equipment is to be made thicker.

- *The reference group has received information that the staff are dissatisfied with the working environment in the new building.*

These questions will be addressed with the staff at the next workplace meeting..

Parents were urged to be more specific in their viewpoints about the K building..

Lars pointed out that the school will look at any problems and try to improve the organisation. It was also pointed out that the situation for most people in the school is temporary, during this academic year.

The teaching of Mathematics

- *Do the different groups provide different opportunities for attaining grades? Many students seem to believe that a tactic for getting a higher grade is to be in a lower level group. We would like a Mathematics teacher to attend the School Council meeting and clarify the levels in the Mathematics groups, as well as the grading criteria, the level of tests, the grades that can be attained in the different groups.*

Ulrika explained that there have always been two textbooks, a higher (red) and a lower (green). The higher one includes tasks which can give an MVG grade. Teachers should avoid different levels within their groups. The tests are at different levels. However, the National Tests and the grading criteria are the same throughout the groups.

Decision of the School Council:

- **Information about grouping the students according to their level in Mathematics will be put on the home page.**

6. Information from the school

Curriculum

Söderkulla School is one of four schools in Sweden which are collaborating with the National Education Agency to produce a new curriculum. The National Education Agency is extremely satisfied with the work done by the teachers at Söderkulla School.



7. A.O.B.

Ekhagegaten

The school staff committee would like this road to become a low speed-limit (walking pace) road. The committee request that the parents in the School Council deal with this issue.

It was pointed out that parents may park in nearby roads and walk the remaining stretch to the school. Some schools have competitions to find the child who has walked the most steps to get to school.

Gate

There is now a gate into the schoolyard, on Söderkullagatan.

8. Next meeting

Spring term.

9. Meeting closed

Rolf Pålsson
Secretary

Lars Månsson
Chairman

Christina Hagelin
Regulator

Pia Munch
Regulator