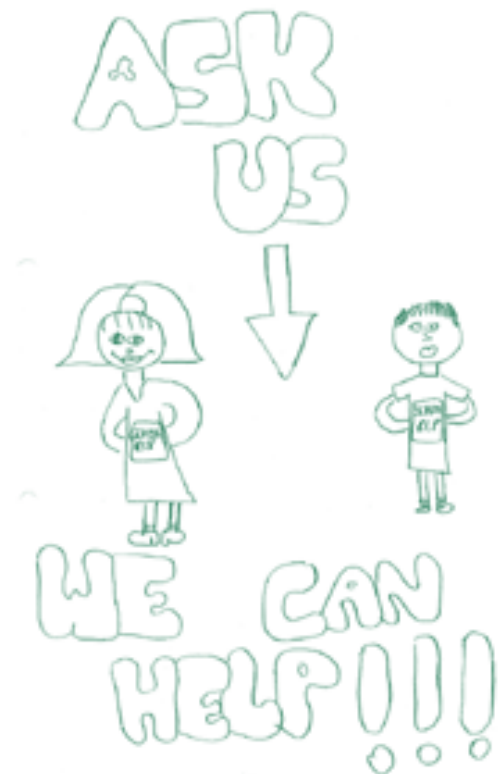


Role of a School Councillor

Guidelines

- ✓ Able to speak out
- ✓ Someone who will take it seriously
- ✓ Someone who can put across ideas
- ✓ Someone caring
- ✓ Someone others can trust and be a role model
- ✓ Someone very reliable
- ✓ Able to keep to the subject
- ✓ Someone who's enthusiastic



The United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child says you have the right to:

- ☆ Protection against discrimination
- ☆ Have your best interests given the most importance when adults make decisions about you
- ☆ Say what you think and be listened to by adults when they make decisions that affect you
- ☆ Get information and express what you think, unless it is against other people's rights
- ☆ Meet with others and join or set up clubs, unless it is against other people's rights
- ☆ Education which tries to develop your personality and abilities as much as possible and encourages you to respect other people's rights and values

Interview with a School Councillor

Katy Phillips, Chairperson of a
Community College School Council

Q: What do you think the school council has achieved while you have been chair?

A: Lockers for the school, discos every term, a payphone. I've listened to the students' needs.

Q: What would you like the school council to achieve within the next term?

A: Making the toilets better!

Q: Have you enjoyed being the chairperson?

A: Yes, it's been very enjoyable.

Q: What advice would you give to future chairpersons?

A: Enjoy what you are doing. Make sure the decisions are for the benefit of the school. Respect committee members and they'll respect you.

Q: What sort of problems have you come across as a chairperson, and how have you solved them?

A: Difficult to raise money - this is always a problem. We wrote to the PTA and governors. It has helped.

Q: How do you think you've done as a chairperson?

A: I've become more aware of the students' views on the school. I've brought this to the notice of the adults of the school so things can be done. Speaking to governors helps because you are the link between the students and governors, so they know what you want.

Interview conducted by Jason Kirk of Icknield Community College.

