

**Student Council Meeting
Saturday 10th May 2008**

Issues Raised by Student Reps.

General:

- A. Timetable – Sessions should be of equal length rather than last one being 45 minutes
- B. Maps – can maps be posted around the school to help new students find sessions
- C. Staff photos – can these be displayed to help identify who is who
- D. Last African Drum session is Congas not Djembes
- E. Singing 3 should continue, currently feels threatened
- F. Orchestra Music Stands – these are left in front of the store room doors this makes packing the percussion away more time consuming.
- G. Orchestra Chairs – left out after rehearsal for next group to put away
- H. Plug sockets in Pop School – many not working, some appear broken and dangerous
- I. Publicity – students keen to help promote NMS, poster competition requested
- J. Website - needs modernising
- K. Ear plugs – requested especially for pop school and world music
- L. Store/steel pans room – Windows and/or air-conditioning requested, sound proofing requested. Need more space for pans sessions. Needs cleaning – hasn't been done since built
- M. Canteen – Fruit requested, Toast suggested. Water cooler requested so that students can drink water without paying for it

Equipment:

1. Drum kits – these are in a poor condition, many have parts missing, Very few cymbals, no hi-hat clutches, New Kits Requested
2. Amplifiers – none available
3. Djembes – some are broken most need tuning
4. Djun-djuns – only one at NMS, should be three different pitches
5. Steel Pans – need beaters, stands need repairing (they are currently dangerous), PA missing, White board needs hanging, pans need painting
6. Drum kit - Double bass drum pedals needed for kit lessons due to left and right handed students in groups.
7. Samba – Padded straps, kneepads and shin pads requested
8. Pianos – need tuning!

**Student Council Meeting
Saturday 5th May 2007**

Responses to Issues Raised by Student Reps.

General:

- A. As requested all sessions are of equal length. (55mins)
- B. We have placed Maps in the office and on the A-board outside the office, also we have printed a map on the back of the timetable.
- C. Staff photos - these are on the Notice board in the office foyer.
- D. Djembes/congas – we have now created Senior World music for our more advanced drummers, which will take place in two sessions and will include djembes and congas.
- E. Singing 3 – we have kept this on the timetable in session 3. (Small Vocal group)
- F. Orchestra Music Stands – we have now placed the large stands on the racks in the store and have started to use the fold-up stands for rehearsals. Please ONLY use fold up stands.
- G. Orchestra Chairs – We now have only two sessions in each of the large ensemble rooms. The first group in sets up and the second packs away.
- H. Plug sockets in Pop School – Have all been checked by the school. Please report any damaged sockets to MG or Priya Immediately
- I. Poster competition requested – will look into this, your thoughts on the latest poster design would be welcome.
- J. Website – this will take some time.
- K. Ear plugs – will look into whether we can sell these from the NMS office or canteen
- L. Store/steel pans room
 - Cannot add windows or Air conditioning to due cost.
 - Sound proofing is unlikely to be feasible however we can ensure that all doors are kept closed during sessions
 - With help from students we have cleaned and sorted the store room to make more space and allow the Pans to be laid out for rehearsals permanently.
- N. Canteen
 - Will inform Friends of requests for fruit and toast
 - Will look into Water cooler

Equipment:

1. Drum kits

- Cannot afford to replace kits
- Will look into repairing where appropriate
- Current policy is that drummers should provide their own cymbals, pads and high-hat clutches for band rehearsals

2. Amplifiers

- Cannot afford to provide for every one
- Current policy is that students should provide their own amps
- Will look into getting some for NMS gigs and large workshops

3. Djembes

- Will look into tuning and repair

4. Djun-djuns

- We have found all three Djun djuns and they are with the djembes in the office store room.

5. Steel Pans

- Will chase up beaters
- Will look into repairing stands urgently
- Will look into hanging white board
- PA – there is now a PA set up permanently
- Will look into painting Pans

6. Drum kit lessons

- We are no longer offering drum lessons at NMS.

7. Samba

- Will look into purchasing Padded straps, kneepads and shin pads

8. Pianos

- Are currently discussing this with Ellis Guilford