

FOWEY PRIMARY SCHOOL MINUTES OF THE PARENTS VOICE GROUP MEETING 25 NOVEMBER 2015 – 2.15PM

Present: Kay Peacey (Gribben), Jo Virr (Gribben),
Sarah Harrower (Readymoney), Julie Smith (Readymoney),
Amy Eaton (Lantic), Emma Jennings-Frisby (Lantic),
Paul Hupfield (Lantic), Lucy Trudgian (Carne),
Katy Warnes (Cannis), Tom Owen (Polridmouth),
Claire Hoddinott (Coombe), Laura Phillips (Coombe),
Chris Wathern (Headteacher/Chair),
Chris Williams, (CHW) (Chair of Local Governing Body),
Pat Richards (Clerk)

Agenda No 1	Apologies/Welcome to New Reps.	Action:
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- 1.1 Apologies were received and accepted from JHS.
- 1.2 CW welcomed PH, EJF, AE, and CH to the meeting. CW also welcomed CHW (Chair of Local Governing Board). CW explained to the reps, that a Governor from the LGB attends a PVG meeting mostly to observe and then feed back to the LGB.
- 1.3 CW went on to explain to the new members of the group that the purpose of the PVG was to raise issues and to represent parents at meetings. Minutes of these meetings are posted on the school website and outside the school office. EJF asked about feedback to parents on individual issues this could be discussed at the PVG but CW fed back that if an issue related to an individual child the rep should encourage parents to discuss the matter with the class teacher.

Agenda No 2	Minutes of Last Meeting	Action:
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- 2.1 The minutes of the last meeting held on 10 June 2015 were proposed as a true copy and signed by the Chair.

Agenda No 3	Matters Arising	Action:
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- 3.1 **Agenda Item 7 – Grab a Grown Up**
Since September the policy has slightly changed following parental feedback. A compromise has been put in place where parents who have forgotten to send back their slip, can now stay for the activity but not have a meal. CW went on to say that since starting the new system parents on the whole are booking a meal, on Grab a Grown Up Day.

Agenda No 4	Christmas Production: Ticket Allocation for Y6 and Why Do We Stage the Show on a Monday and Tuesday?	Action:
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- 4.1 KW had been approached by parents asking that YR6 children be allocated more

tickets for their extended families. CW fed back that 420 tickets were available, with initially 2 tickets being allocated to families across the two evenings. The morning performance had unlimited tickets available on a first come first served basis. 41 Monday morning performance tickets had been sold to YR6 parents in addition to the 2 allocated. CW went on to say that every family had been allocated two tickets. The school office had a waiting list for tickets.

4.2 LT talked about YR6 Leavers Assembly which she felt was excellent, and that perhaps parents could attend.

4.3 TO felt that the school performance was so popular; it's a victim of its own success. He felt it was very important for YR6 children's parents to attend.

4.4 Discussion took place on the pros and cons:

- KP asked could YR1 be dropped from any production. It was felt this would be unfair to these children.
- SH asked about capacity, could this be made bigger. CW fed back the seating was at capacity and any further seating would be a fire risk.
- SH could morning production be moved at a matinee. It was thought this would not work as school lunch would need to be taken into account along with long days for staff and children. As would weekend productions.

4.5 The question was asked if the days of Monday and Tuesday could be moved. It was stated that this time of year was very busy for pupils and staff alike, whilst taking into account clashes with other events in the community, e.g. Fowey River Academy's Christmas show on the Wednesday.

JV ENTERED THE MEETING AT THIS POINT – 2.25PM

4.6 After much discussion, it was felt by the vast majority of reps that it worked as well as it could having discussed the logistics of putting on such a show.

Agenda No 5	YR3/4 Residential	Action: KW
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5.1 KW had been approached to ask why the school doesn't offer a residential to Y3/4. The school wasn't sure why this had been raised when Y3/4 went on residential to Camp Kernow last year.

5.2 CW confirmed that Camp Kernow had been provisionally booked for 18/19 July 2016 with further details being sent out to parents shortly.

5.3 KW is to pass this information on to the parents concerned.

Agenda No 6	Changes to Assessment System	Action: CW
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6.1 JS fed back that parents would like further information on these changes.

- 6.2** As written in a previous letter last year, CW reported that National Curriculum Levels had been removed, by Government, with a complete change put in place where children's attainment and progress is measured against Year Group National Expectations.
- 6.3** CW is to send a letter in the new year giving further information to parents explaining this change, followed up with a parent's meeting to attend for more information to be put to them. These meetings would take place in the Spring Term.

Agenda No 7	Swimming – Why do we start late and not all Year Groups?	Action:
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- 7.1** The National Curriculum requirement is for all children before leaving school to swim 25 metres. The school pays for swimming lessons out of its delegated budget. Year 6 always go swimming with another KS2 class. Sport Premium funding is used to provide further swimming sessions for children in Y6 despite lessons are at risk of not reaching 25m. Last year, 100% of children in Y6 at least achieved this standard. SH and JV asked the question was there anything parents could do to help this situation, including contributing to funding?
Where we used to ask for contribution for all KS2 classes towards costs of the coach, only 50% of parents did/were able to, meaning the swimming budget ran at a deficit, meaning this was unsustainable model.

Agenda No 8	Toys in School	Action: CW
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- 8.1** A discussion on toys being brought into school took place. KW had been approached by parents regarding this matter. KP/PH felt some discretion from the teacher should take place.
- 8.2** Now that Lantic had settled in, EJJ felt that we should now stop children bringing in toys to school.
- 8.3** CW will write in a newsletter explaining this rule.

PVG unanimously agreed this.

Agenda No 9	Parent Car Parking	Action: CW/KP/TO
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- 9.1** KP had e-mailed a paper on Parent Parking. She explained that there were two current daily problems:
- children walking to school and
 - parents parking cars in the wrong areas.
- 9.2** She felt that parents parking in the wrong areas obstructed visibility at the crossing point by the path, and forced those walking out into the road.
- 9.3** A suggested short term solution for safer parking was a note sanctioned by the school

and PCSO to be left on cars parked in unsafe places.

- 9.4** She urged reps to visit the livingstreets.org.uk site to look at established and to be effective toolkits. She went on to say that an Active Journey Zone would be an advantage, this would create an area where the expectation is to park at the edge and walk the rest of the way, and this would be an active, healthier solution.
- 9.5** After much discussion it was thought perhaps a flyer/charter could be put on cars that were breaching the system.
- 9.6** An Active Journey Zone Working Group is to be set up to look at the way forward, KP, TO and CW agreed to be part of this.
- 9.7** EJF thanked KP for all her hard work on this.

Agenda No 10	Topic Homework	Action:
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- 10.1** KW had been approached on this subject by a parent. The feedback was that it was too expensive and not marked.
- 10.2** Reps didn't feel this to be the case as options shouldn't prove costly, unless parents are making that decision. CW asked parents to speak to their child's teacher should they need resources to help them. SH fed back that teachers put comments on the inside page of the homework folder.

Agenda No 11	Dogs on School Premises	Action:
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- 11.1** A discussion took place on this with feedback that a dog had nipped a child by a dog tied up on the school boundary fence.
- 11.2** CW fed back that dogs were not allowed to be tied up at all on school boundary fences or within the school grounds/perimeters.

Agenda No 12	School Photos	Action: CW
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- 12.1** LT fed back that she had e-mailed CW on this subject asking whether the school could look at other providers for school photos.
- 12.2** One third of school photos had been bought at the last sitting. CW had contacted the pre-school about their use of other sources, but reported back that due to parents taking a screenshot this had not worked. CW is to look into alternative providers.

Agenda No 13	Football Free Friday	Action:
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- 13.1** CW discussed how the School Council came up with this idea. The feedback from them was it is working extremely well. Minutes of their meeting are available on our website.

Agenda No 14	Date of Next Meeting	Action:
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14.1 The dates of the next meetings have been set at -

Wednesday 2 March – 2.15pm

Wednesday 22 June – 2.15pm

There being no further business the meeting closed at 3.10pm