

# FOWEY PRIMARY SCHOOL MINUTES OF THE PARENTS VOICE GROUP MEETING 10 JUNE 2015 – 2.15PM

**Present:** Sarah Harrower (Readmoney),  
Julie Smith (Readmoney), Julia Sioufi (JHS) (Carne),  
Kay Peacey (Cannis), Katy Warnes (Lantic),  
Jo Virr (Polridmouth), Chris Wathern (Headteacher/Chair),  
Chris Williams, (CHW) (Chair of Governors),  
Pat Richards (Clerk)

<b>Agenda No 1</b>	<b>Apologies</b>	<b>Action:</b>
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**1.1** Apologies were received and accepted from Laura Phillips, Lucy Trudgian, Tom Owen and Polly Brown.

**1.2** CW welcomed CHW to the meeting.

<b>Agenda No 2</b>	<b>Minutes of Last Meeting</b>	<b>Action:</b>
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**2.1** The minutes of the last meeting held on 4 March 2015 were proposed as a true copy and signed by the Chair.

<b>Agenda No 3</b>	<b>Matters Arising</b>	<b>Action: CW</b>
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**3.1** **4.1 – YR3 and 4 Overnight Trip** – CW fed back that this trip had been very successful albeit the weather was very cold.

**4.4 – After School Clubs** – KP had looked at software on this subject, KP felt that the school should carry on as is as she felt they were operating a good system.

**3.2** Feedback about new approach to allocating clubs was positive.

<b>Agenda No 4</b>	<b>Jewellery in School</b>	<b>Action: CW</b>
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**4.1** SH had been approached by parents regarding girls wearing very bright jewellery in school. CW reported that there was a School Policy regarding school uniform and it was clearly stated that single studs should be worn (does not mention colour).

**4.2** CW had observed children coming into assembly and found that this policy was being adhered to.

**4.3** CW is to put out a reminder to parents highlighting what kind of earrings children are allowed to wear.

<b>Agenda No 5</b>	<b>Earlier Opening Time Feedback</b>	<b>Action: CW</b>
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**5.1** The earlier opening time of 8.30 was thought to be very beneficial. KP fed back that it had been hard for some children to get into Wake and Shake because of parents

forming a solid barrier to watch their children. CW is to look into this and feedback in the next Newsletter. It was unanimously agreed that an earlier time and revamped Wake and Shake was very positive.

<b>Agenda No 6</b>	<b>Working Parents – Collection of children early from school when events finish before the end of the school day</b>	<b>Action:</b>
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- 6.1 SH brought up the subject of children coming back early after events finish. Parents she reported would like a message to go out for children to be collected via them rather than discussing with children (relating to the recent Camp Kernow trip for Y3/4). Reps felt that this situation did not arise very often and that on balance it was not necessarily a bad thing.
- 6.2 CW fed back this offer was put in place as the school was aware some children and parents had been anxious as some had been away for the first time alone.
- 6.3 The question of sports day was then discussed, and it was felt that parents taking their children home early worked very well.

<b>Agenda No 7</b>	<b>Grab a Grown Up</b>	<b>Action: CW</b>
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- 7.1 CW reported that this event was very successful but raised the question of a few parents being turned away because of the lateness/non return of the request slip (for meals and/or class activity).
- 7.2 The format of the letter that goes out to parents had been changed back in January setting out when the slip needs to be returned.
- 7.3 CW is to remind parents of this in the next Newsletter.
- 7.4 All reps unanimously agreed this was a fair approach in order to make it work.

<b>Agenda No 8</b>	<b>Sports Day – fundraising/refreshments</b>	<b>Action: KW</b>
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- 8.1 SH asked if this event could be used for fundraising. CW reported he did not have an issue with that.
- 8.2 A discussion took place on whether extra food could be supplied as many parents attended Sports Day from work. CW had discussed this with Wendy (Catering Manager) and it was felt not to be practical (one in terms of getting the food done in time) and also as the event was aimed at children being fit and healthy the two things did not sit very easily together. Instead, ice lollies are to be sold at the end of Sports Day. KW kindly offered to organise a group of parents to help sell.
- 8.3 A BBQ and plenty of food would be on hand at the Summer Fayre for fundraising.

<b>Agenda No 9</b>	<b>Possible Allocation of Dog Waiting Area</b>	<b>Action: CW</b>
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- 9.1** SH reported back on this subject, saying that parents had approached her regarding a dog waiting area. A full discussion took place on dogs being tied up together and their possible behaviour towards one another.
- 9.2** CW reported that his priority is the children within the school, and felt the problem is children walking passed these dogs and perhaps getting bitten. Dogs should not be tied up on the school fence – either inside or outside.
- 9.3** It was unanimously felt that this could not take place. CW is to flag this up in the Newsletter.

<b>Agenda No 10</b>	<b>Academy Update</b>	<b>Action:</b>
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- 10.1** CW reported that a Full Governing Board meeting was to take place this evening, regarding taking the next step, in making the decision to become an Academy.
- 10.2** CW had met with the School Council who had asked many questions regarding the transition. CW reported to them that there would be no change in the school name, school logo or school uniform. CW had fed back to the School Council that working with other schools would be valuable and to learn from one another very beneficial.
- 10.3** KP asked if the consultation meetings had been well attended. These had been well attended; KP reported that she had not received/heard any negative opinions from parents. The Q&A's are still to be found on the school website.
- 10.4** SH asked about going ahead formally, CW reported that parents are to be kept informed at every stage of the procedure. CW fed back that the 1 July 2015 is the first deadline. A final decision will be made by Governors at the end of this term. If Governors vote to join PLT, the conversion will be fully completed at the start of September.

<b>Agenda No 11</b>	<b>Date of Next Meeting</b>	<b>Action:</b>
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- 11.1** The date of the next meeting has been set at **WEDNESDAY 11 NOVEMBER AT 2.15PM.**
- 11.2** CW thanked all reps for their interest and support in the school over the last year and hopes to work with them again next term.

**There being no further business the meeting closed at 3.05pm**