

**FOWEY PRIMARY SCHOOL MINUTES OF THE
PARENTS VOICE GROUP MEETING
26 NOVEMBER 2014 – 2.15PM**

Present: Laura Phillips (Gribben), Sarah Harrower (Readmoney),
Julie Smith (Readmoney), Katy Warnes (Lantic),
Julia Sioufi (Carne), Lucy Trudgian (Carne),
Tom Owen (Coombe), Polly Brown (Coombe),
Chris Wathern (Headteacher/Chair),
Rachel Arthur (Chair of the Governing Body),
Pat Richards (Clerk)

Agenda No 1	Apologies/Welcome to Reps	Action:
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- 1.1 Apologies were received and accepted from Jo Virr and Kay Peacey.
- 1.2 CW welcomed new reps to their first meeting. Introductions were made by the reps.

Agenda No 2	PVG Charter	Action:
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- 2.1 CW asked if all reps had read the PVG Charter. He went on to say that the Charter had been set up to encourage discussion between staff and parents, and for reps to represent the expressed views of the class.

Agenda No 3	Minutes of Last Meeting	Action:
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- 3.1 The minutes of the last meeting held on 8 July 2014 were proposed as a true copy and signed by the Chair.

Agenda No 4	Matters Arising	Action: CW
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4.1 3.1 – Christmas Performance Seats

CW fed back that a reserved sign is to be put on seats for the sole use of parents who will be taking on the task of providing refreshments.

3.1 – Swimming Lessons

CW fed back that these extra lessons at Tywardreath's pool are not a priority at this time but would be approaching the Head there in the new year.

3.1 – ICT Suite

The ICT Suite has now become a Music Room.

4.1 – Parent/Teacher Meetings

CW fed back that he had taken the opportunity of sitting in a meeting for every teacher. The time allocated for parent meetings of 20 minutes are to be put in place in the spring.

4.1 – YR 3 and 4 Overnight Trip

CW had been asked at the last PVG meeting to look into various options for this trip. At this meeting he shared three possible locations: Truro, Bristol and London. All reps thought Truro would be the preferred location. CW to liaise with Paul Trudgeon and Virginia Oatham to book the trip for the summer term and send a letter out to parents.

Agenda No 5	Should auditions have been held for the KS2 Choir?	Action:
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- 5.1** Sixty to seventy children had come forward for this audition. CW fed back that the auditions had taken place in small groups to allow children to feel as comfortable as possible. Due to numbers, the school was looking to establish a choir of around 30.
- 5.2** The school's intentions in forming a school choir was to put forward opportunities for pupils within the school. CW had had no feedback from parents of children who did not get into the choir apart from it being raised at PVG. However, he stressed it is important to get this feedback for the PVG reps to discuss. A full discussion took place on this subject and all reps agreed that the process of selecting pupils by audition for the choir was fair.

Agenda No 6	Do parents need a DBS to help out on trips?	Action: LT
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- 6.1** LT had tabled this item. LT had been approached by a parent on this matter, asking whether when volunteering to walk pupils to the church they would need a DBS. A DBS in this case was not needed.
- 6.2** LT is to feed back to the parent that if needed a DBS is now completed on line.

Agenda No 7	Is it possible to have an after school taster session for instrumental lessons?	Action: CW
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- 7.1** CW thought this was possible. He fed back that the music service in Cornwall had changed. CW is to get in touch with the music teachers and ask them whether they could facilitate this.
- 7.2** CW felt that it would now be a simpler system for pupils to have music lessons with lesson fees being paid direct to the music teacher.

Agenda No 8	Is it possible to have an after school drama club?	Action: CW
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- 8.1** JS had spoken to mums regarding this. RA felt that perhaps a parent could take on the responsibility of providing this facility. After some discussion CW is to make contact with the Fowey River Academy regarding their drama club to see if a link could be made and/or asking our teachers if they wanted to run an after

school drama club.

Agenda No 9	School Dinners	Action:
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9.1 How has the new menu been received?

- CW reported that all comments on the menus were very valuable.
- TO fed back that children were warming to the changing menu, and felt that this was a positive way forward.
- As a school the Governors wanted food to be a nutritional experience for pupils in line with the Food Standards.

9.2 A full discussion by reps took place and it was unanimously agreed that school lunches were very good value for money and very nutritional.

Can we survey families to find out?

- CW reported that a survey will be sent out with findings collated before the new menu is looked at.
- CW read through the survey that is to be sent out to all parents

Concern over the excessive amount of fruit and vegetables in dishes

- It was reported that a parent was concerned about an excessive amount of fruit and vegetables used in the dishes on the new menus. CW fed back that in designing the menu, the school took into account the nutritional standards and correct quantities to ensure balance.

Agenda No 10	Do we want to re-establish the PSA?	Action: CW
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10.1 SH brought up the subject of the PSA being reinstated. CW was very happy for this to happen. He went on to say that fund raising money had been used for ICT equipment and that parents have been very supportive in signing up to help fundraise at various events.

10.2 A common agreement/charter was felt should be put in place, before re-establishing such a group.

Agenda No 11	Date of Next Meeting	Action:
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11.1 Two dates have been set for 2015. These are :

Wednesday 4 March; and

Wednesday 10 June.

Both meetings have a start time of 2.15pm

There being no further business the meeting closed at 3.10pm