

FOWEY PRIMARY SCHOOL MINUTES OF THE PARENTS VOICE GROUP MEETING 2 MARCH 2016 – 2.00PM

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

Agenda No 1	Apologies	Action:
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- 1.1 There were no apologies.

Agenda No 2	Minutes of Last Meeting	Action:
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- 2.1 The minutes of the last meeting held on 25 November 2016 were proposed as a true copy and signed by the Chair.

Agenda No 3	Matters Arising	Action:
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3.1 **Grab a Grown Up Day**

CW fed back that the changes put in place seem to be working very well.

Christmas Production

A parent had raised this subject again, but it was felt that this subject had been covered at the last meeting.

Y3/Y4

This was going ahead again this year and taking place at the end of July.

Changes to Assessment System

CW fed back that there was quite a bit of information in the media recently. CW asked if the information sent out to parents before the latest round of parent/teacher meetings helped to clarify things for parents. Reps agreed it was clear and useful information. CW will update parents accordingly.

Toys in School

This matter had been settled at the last meeting and appears to be well received.

School Photos

The school is looking at providers.

Agenda No 4	Snack Time Drinks Instead of Water	Action:
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- 4.1 CW reported that this agenda item had come to school direct rather than via a rep. This topic had been discussed before, where reps had agreed with the policy. Just to confirm - water is allowed during the day. With juice-based drinks are allowed at lunch-times with either their packed lunch or school meal (provided by home). Milk is also available to have with a school meal should a child want it.

Agenda No 5	Re-establish PSA	Action: KW, AE
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- 5.1** SH touched on this by saying that the PSA had raised money for the school before. CW was more than happy for someone to take on the role of leading a PSA – but in the past when trying to re-establish no-one has come forward. Instead the school benefits from fundraising activities with parents offering to help out, e.g. summer fair. JS ex treasurer of the PSA believed that the May Fair was one of the biggest earners alongside the Christmas Production. Monies from fundraising last year is going towards an outdoor gym. TO suggested asking parents, if they had any ideas, to contact CW and help organise the event. SH mentioned the subject of personalised tea towels, again it would need someone to take this on. Sinead Hanks (SH) had approached the school to set up a quiz night. CW to contact SH. KW mentioned about a cycle event and is going to liaise with CW.
- 5.2** AE brought to the attention of the PVG the Easy Fund website, which she felt was worth looking at. AE will email details to CW.

Agenda No 6	Additional Food Choices on Menu if both Pasta	Action:
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- 6.1** EJJ had been approached by a parent in Lantic, asking if a jacket potato could be re-instated on the menu as an option to pasta. This had been addressed.

Agenda No 7	INSET Days Altogether to Help with Family Holidays	Action:
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- 7.1** EJJ asked if INSET days could be tagged clumped together to help with holidays. CW was looking at where INSET could be tagged on to other breaks. He is currently organising INSET for training, some of which is with other schools in PLT and will be speaking with staff about proposed dates. It was also about balancing the training needs of the school, which aren't always best done with all the days together.
- 7.2** TO went on to say that this had been discussed before, looking at the difficulties of having children at two different schools, etc. The school was always mindful of this subject.
- 7.3** Unauthorised absences was then discussed. CW reiterated that after 10 unauthorised sessions (equivalent of 5 whole school days), the EWO would look to work with the school in issuing penalty notices. CW has also written to parents whose children have absence less than 90% (which is deemed as persistent absence).

Agenda No 8	Tracksuits for PE in Colder Weather	Action: JV
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- 8.1** SH asked if personalised track suits for school activities could be available for purchase. CW fed back that track suits were already allowed to be worn. Feedback on this was asked for. It was generally felt that the cost of a personalised track suit would outweigh the price of a standard track suit. JV then discussed personalised school hoodies for pupils to go to matches in.

- 8.2** A discussion on the purchase of a standard school hat for the summer was deemed to be a good idea. CW will look into this.

Agenda No 9	Seagulls, Gutters, Walkways and Hedges	Action: CW & TO
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9.1 Seagulls

JS had approached CW about this issue; like last year, we are using the services of a natural deterrent.

Gutters

These had been looked at and cleared out. Our gutters aren't fit for purpose with the amount of water that flows from our roof. But the gutters were cleared regularly.

Hedges

LT had been approached by a parent about this matter. She had looked at the hedges and walkways and could not find anything wrong. CW reported that the hedges are clipped regularly. KP mentioned the ones at the entrance of the carpark. These will be looked at and removed if necessary.

Walkways

Two ramps have been installed for access purposes. The shed is to be moved back. TO offered his services to look at a plan for the moving of the shed.

Agenda No 10	Safer Routes to School Update	Action: KP & CW
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- 10.1** KP gave an update on this, stating that some good results had occurred. CW gave feedback about the issue with flyers and how this wasn't seen by the police and governors as a solution. TO reported that the main car park is free up until 9 o'clock in the morning.
- 10.2** CW is to contact the Fowey River Academy about placing a notice about parking outside the access gate (or cones).
- 10.3** The hill up and down to the school was discussed, but this was felt to be a whole different problem.
- 10.4** The PVG wholeheartedly agreed that parents should be encouraged to walk to school with their children where possible
- 10.5** CW is to meet with School Council and then with KP and TO to take this matter forward.

Agenda No 11	Swimming Communication if late back to School	Action: CW
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- 11.1** JHS said there had been an issue with communication when a bus had broken down. CW said that this information had been sent via an e-mail, a notice on the school door, posted on twitter and our website. Some parents hadn't seen these and were already outside the classroom door – agreed that a sign would also go on the classroom door in future. EJF asked if the same procedure could be undertaken for the Wake an Shake session. If known in advance, the information is put on the 'A' Frame. CW informed the PVG that it wouldn't be feasible to put every change on the website, etc.

Agenda No 12	Date of Next Meeting	Action:
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12.1 The date of the next meeting has been set at 22 June 2016 – 2.00pm.

12.2 CW wanted the PVG to know that he could be approached with any matters to raise and not to wait until the above date.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 3.05pm