

FOWEY PRIMARY SCHOOL MINUTES OF THE PARENTS VOICE GROUP MEETING 25 FEBRUARY 2014 – 2.15PM

Present: Ursula Corcoran (Carne), Julie Cherry (Lantic),
Julia Sioufi (Readymoney), Lucy Trudgian (Readymoney),
Jo Virr (Polridmouth), Sarah Harrower (Coombe),
Chris Wathern (Headteacher/Chair),
Pat Richards (Clerk)

Agenda No 1	Apologies	Action:
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- 1.1 Apologies were received and accepted from Laura Phillips.

Agenda No 2	Minutes of Last Meeting	Action:
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- 2.1 The minutes of the last meeting held on 6 November 2013 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 5 - Music Lessons** – It was fed back that there had been an improvement in communication with music tutors.

Agenda Item 7 - Grab a Grown Up – It was unanimously agreed that this event was successful with the different options available to choose from.

Agenda Item 9 – Absence in Term Time – CW fed back that he had sent out letters before ½ term to parents of pupils whose attendance had been 90% or less to make them aware.

Agenda Item 10 – Change in PE Kit Colours – CW had reminded parents via the newsletter that navy blue shorts would be introduced from September 2014.

Agenda Item 11 – Road Safety – After some discussion it was felt that Roselyn Coaches had been slowing down in the proximity of the school.

AOB – CW fed back that Oceans was going very well with the flexibility of more spaces available on certain days.

Agenda No 4	Christmas Performance - Seats	Action: REPS/CW
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- 4.1 UC had put this subject on the agenda, as she had had feedback from parents regarding seating. Many parents had relayed that seats on the front row had coats and bags placed on them. JS explained that it had been agreed that seats could be saved for parents who were operating refreshments. The group could see the fairness of this. Next year, seats reserved for parents selling refreshments will be named so it is transparent for all. Alternative options were discussed, such as numbered ticketed

seats relating to specific seats. Reps are to speak to parents about this issue and ask for their comments for discussion at a future meeting.

- 4.2 CW is to let Fowey Community College know the date and time of the next Christmas production, so that it does not clash.

Agenda No 5	Swimming Lessons	Action: CW
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- 5.1 SH had parents asking about YR3 having swimming lessons. CW fed back that the decision this year was to take YR4 and YR6. He explained the reasons for this. We are very grateful to all parents and grandparents who help, but last year it was always a struggle to find enough helpers to come two afternoons in the week. This sometimes meant that Teaching Assistants had to be taken from other classes to ensure the correct number for the bus supervision. Unfortunately, we also did not receive enough voluntary contributions to pay for transport (school paid for the swimming provision outright) for all four year groups, so the school budget had to make up the difference. Therefore, the decision this year was made to take YR4 and YR6 and the school pay the complete cost of swimming and transport.
- 5.2 CW went on to say that from September, we would be looking at alternative arrangements to take some of the younger children swimming, e.g. possibility of using Tywardreath's school pool, which will lower the transport costs.

Agenda No 6	Reading Raffle	Action: CW
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- 6.1 UC fed back that a parent had approached her regarding this topic. Some pupils were feeling a little despondent as they often enter the raffle but are not picked out as a winner.
- 6.2 After further discussion in terms of finding ways to encourage/reward reading it was suggested that a point's credit system could be put in place. CW is to feed back to staff.

Agenda No 7	After School Club for Topic Homework	Action:
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- 7.1 CW reported that in the past Homework Clubs were very poorly attended.

Agenda No 8	Cycling Proficiency Lessons	Action:
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- 8.1 YR 6 cycling proficiency lessons were unfortunately not taking place this year as dates were not compatible with tutors.

Agenda No 9	After School Clubs: More Sessions for Netball and Football	Action:
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- 9.1 YR1 and YR2 football has been increased thanks to the club offered by Andy Judge.
- 9.2 LT empathised with the teaching staff giving up their time already to provide after

school clubs and wondered whether more parental input could be harnessed, e.g. taking pupils to fixtures.

Agenda No 10	School Lunches: Portion Sizes and Washing Hands Afterwards	Action: CW
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10.1 It was felt by all that school lunches were very good value for money. With Grab a Grown Up Days very successful; parents saw first hand how portions were generous enough.

10.2 Washing Hands – A blue roll which is used for spillages was agreed to be used for pupils to wipe their hands after eating if they wanted.

Agenda No 11	Children Card Swapping at School	Action: CW
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11.1 In the past there have been problems with children swapping cards and so this had been stopped.

11.2 SH asked whether YR6 could be allowed to swap cards.

11.3 CW was to refer this back to Paul Trudgeon (YR6 teacher) to see whether the children themselves can come up with a solution for card swapping.

Agenda No 12	Opportunities to Practice Drums Outside of Lessons	Action: CW
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12.1 The question of drum practice taking place at school for pupils was discussed. CW felt that this should take place during playtime on a rota for those having lessons in school.

12.2 CW would look into this.

Agenda No 13	Date of Next Meeting	Action: CW
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13.1 The date of the next Parents Voice Group meeting is to be set at a later date.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 3.05PM