

FOWEY PRIMARY SCHOOL MINUTES OF THE PARENTS VOICE GROUP MEETING 22 MARCH 2017 – 2.00PM

Present: Katy Warnes (Gribben), Julie Smith (Carne), Amy Eaton (Cannis), Emma Jennings-Frisby (Cannis), Jodie Morcom (Lantic), Jo Virr (Coombe), Victoria Clark (Coombe), Tom Owen (Readymoney), Natalie Peperell (Readymoney), Claire Hoddinott (Polridmouth), Chris Wathern (Headteacher/Chair), Chris Williams (CHW- Chair of Governors) Pat Richards (Clerk)

Agenda No 1	Apologies	Action:
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- 1.1** Apologies were received and accepted from Paul Hupfield and Sarah Harrower. CW welcomed and thanked Chris Williams, Chair of the LGB for attending the meeting.

Agenda No 2	Minutes of Last Meeting	Action:
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- 2.1** The minutes of the last meeting held on 7 December 2016 were proposed as a true copy and signed by the Chair.

Agenda No 3	Matters Arising	Action:
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3.1 Jacket Potato Option

CW reported that jacket potatoes were back on the menu on a Monday.

Pasta Days

CW reported that this had been resolved, though VC let CW know that on Around the World Wednesday (Italy) two pasta dishes were offered.

Area outside Lantic and Cannis

CW had met with Mark Endean to discuss how his company could support the school as a community project. CW was very conscious about the work to be achieved. Plans and timing was felt to be needed and flexible for the next HT to take on.

- 3.2** The Fowey Fundraising Group was to meet this Friday to plan the next event Fowey Primary Bake Off. KW fed back that she was looking for sponsorship.

Agenda No 4	Second Hand Uniform (Cannis)	Action: KW/JM
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- 4.1** Parents in Cannis had brought up the subject of second-hand school uniforms for sale. CW reported that Maddie Powell in the past had taken on the task of washing, ironing and repairing second-hand uniforms for sale at sales and school fetes.
- 4.2** The PVG thought it a good idea for this to be started up again. KW and JM volunteered the FUNdraising group take this forward, with all proceeds going into the Fundraising Pot. CW is to meet with KW. CW expressed his thanks.

- 4.3 AE expressed her thoughts on Book Day costumes. She asked would it be possible for these costumes to be brought into school. All felt this could be a good idea. The only difficulty could be storage. After some discussion it was thought perhaps swapping and/or buying costumes could place before an event, e.g. World Book Day, with advertising the event a week before.

Agenda No 5	Y6 Leavers' Sweaters (Carne)	Action: ED
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- 5.1 SH had e-mailed CW on the subject of Y6 leavers' sweaters with the offer of helping to source. CW had talked with Elaine Dymond about costing, etc. In the past the school has provided a t-shirt with a class photo on as a leaving gift. The school could partially help with the cost of these, with parents sharing the rest. CW asked for feedback from the PVG.
- 5.2 Some felt that they might not get much use; some felt the cost could be prohibitive but could see it would make a nice memento. Agreed the best way forward was for Miss Dymond to survey the current Y6 parents with the associated costs and then school to make a decision based on the responses.

Agenda No 6	Access to School – path extended? (Polridmouth)	Action: CW
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- 6.1 CH brought up the subject of the access to the school. She asked if the piece of grass next to the tarmac path was getting very muddy and whether that area could be fully tarmac.
- 6.2 TO said that the problem of safer routes to school and safer parking had been discussed at some length. CW asked were parents being encouraged to cross the road in the wrong place. He went on to say that he would look at the site and the problem.

Agenda No 7	Skipping Charity Event (Carne)	Action: CW
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- 7.1 JS had been approached by parents regarding the pressure put on children to raise the sum of £50 for the British Heart Foundation skipping event, with a prize from them of a skipping rope if they reached this amount. She went on to say that parents said that their children felt under-valued, if they could not reach this sum.
- 7.2 CW is to feed back to the British Heart Foundation the concerns of parents. TO felt that some feedback should be given to parents regarding the matter – CW to include note in next newsletter via PVG feedback.

Agenda No 8	Class Trips (Readymoney)	Action: CW
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- 8.1 NP had been asked by parents about day trips, and could there be more. Cost of trips was a big factor for the school and parents. Transport was very expensive and a key factor.
- 8.2 Ideally one trip a term would be perfect. CW said that teachers had trips planned for the summer term.

- 8.3** CW said that trying to get the right balance was important, especially budgets tighter.
- 8.4** CW said that we could look at Sport Premium Funding in future to help with the running costs of a minibus and sharing these with other schools. CW is to feedback to staff parent's views, but felt that if more trips were wanted, parents would need to subsidise these more. CW explained to the group that currently all trips are subsidised already by the school and there isn't enough funding to do this more regularly. In addition transport for the residentials offered are subsidised and the school doesn't currently operate a full cost recovery system to parents, e.g. covering costs in school and at residential whilst staff are in Bude. Another suggestion was to look at low/zero cost trips locally.
- 8.5** Reference was also made back to the conversation about Wednesday Workshops where the school funds this enhanced curriculum, which for some also includes education off site, e.g. sailing.
- 8.6** NP thought perhaps the PVG should be looking at Sports Funding and Lottery Funding.

Agenda No 9	Cake Sales (Carne)	Action:
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- 9.1** CW fed back that as discussed at the last PVG meeting, we were trialling our coffee mornings following the class assemblies this year due to other fundraising events taking place.

Agenda No 10	Cooking in the Curriculum (Cannis)	Action: CW
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- 10.1** EJF mentioned that parents had been commenting to her that there had not been many creative sessions taking place. VC disagreed feeling that Wednesday Workshops were a unique experience for children that offered a variety of opportunities. JS also felt the workshops covered a lot of areas.
- 10.2** CW reported that in addition to Wednesday Workshops and after school clubs, there were many creative things happening within the classroom. CW agreed however that we could look at offering more cooking opportunities, either as a club/workshop or as part of the topic children are learning. This week for instance, Readymoney have been making pizzas as part of their topic and will be going to Pizza Express in Truro to get involved with making them in a restaurant. CW is to feedback to staff these comments for their consideration in curriculum planning.

Agenda No 11	Volunteers Policy (School)	Action:
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- 11.1** CW had sent out a letter, in March, with a Volunteer Reply Slip attached, to be returned by the end of March, to all parents/carers in connection with the Volunteers Policy.
- 11.2** He went on to say that this policy for Volunteers had recently been updated in the light of best safeguarding practice. This policy is now consistent across the whole of PLT.

11.3 Many application slips had been returned already which is really positive.

Agenda No 12	Grounds Day (School) Revive the Veg. Beds (Polridmouth)	Action: CW/PR
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12.1 The question was asked if a Gardening Club could be established - CW is to feedback to staff to see if a teacher could offer as an after school club.

12.2 CH asked the question if the vegetable beds could be revived. She had had a conversation with Dan Bennetts and he was very enthusiastic about this, and it was felt that the children would benefit from vegetables and herbs being grown and then used in the making of school meals.

12.3 CW mentioned about a Grounds Day after Easter. During the day, the area by Cannis and Lantic could be cleared ready for work to commence to improve the area as part of the fundraising drive.

12.4 It was also suggested that we ask volunteers from the community if they would like to get involved at school with gardening.

Agenda No 13	Date of Next Meeting	Action:
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13.1 The date of the next meeting is – **Wednesday 21 June at 2.00pm.**

There being no further business the meeting closed at 3.05pm