

FOWEY PRIMARY SCHOOL MINUTES OF THE PARENTS VOICE GROUP MEETING 8 JULY 2014 – 2.30PM

Present: **Leanne Packer (Gribben), Julia Sioufi (Readymoney)**
 Jo Virr (Polridmouth), Sarah Harrower (Coombe),
 Chris Williams (CHW) (Vice Chair of FGB),
 Chris Wathern (Headteacher/Chair),
 Pat Richards (Clerk)

Agenda No 1	Apologies	Action:
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- 1.1** Apologies were received and accepted from Tom Owen, Ursula Corcoran, Julie Cherry, Lucy Trudgian, Laura Phillips.
- 1.2** CW Welcomed LP to her first meeting and to CHW Vice Chair of the Full Governing Body.

Agenda No 2	Minutes of Last Meeting	Action:
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- 2.1** The minutes of the last meeting held on 25 February 2014 were proposed as a true copy and signed by the Chair.

Agenda No 3	Matters Arising	Action: CW, CHW
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- 3.1** **4 – Christmas Performance Seats**
 This subject is to be discussed in the Autumn Term.
- 5 – Swimming Lessons**
 CW fed back that Tywardreath is being looked at as a location for extra swimming lessons to take place. SH asked if the community bus could be used and this would enable costs to be kept low. CW is to speak to Colin Richards re this matter. SH asked if Fowey River Academy School pool could be renovated and used. After some discussion it was felt perhaps Lottery Funding could be found. CHW to talk to Sinead Hanks.
- 12 – Drum Practice Outside of Lessons**
 CW is still looking into this. He fed back that the ICT Suite was now to become a Music Room/Meeting Room.

Agenda No 4	Items Raised by School for Discussion and Feedback from Representatives	Action: CW
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- 4.1** **School Lunches from September**
 CW passed round a copy of the new Autumn Menu. CHW, James (Chef at Fowey Hall) and Wendy had met and discussed menus with a view to making school meals even healthier. CH fed back that from January 2015 new food regulations are to come into force. The school has a duty to follow these.
 CHW talked to reps. about these new menus, and it was felt that the way forward was

to get all parents behind the initiative. He went on to say that there will be a meat free day (Monday). Wendy is to continue making homemade bread and pastry using 50% wholemeal flour. She is to make her own baked beans and ketchup. Wendy will also make homemade desserts using at least 50% fruit for a naturally sweet taste. Friday is to be a treat day with Wendy making her own skin-on chips fried in healthier rapeseed oil. Less choices on the menu was felt to be the way forward. It was felt that Wendy had done a great job. Grab a Grown Up was still very popular. CW had been advised by Cornwall Council that school meal prices will rise to £2.30 this September.

The menu handed out to reps. is to be used until December this year and then looked at again.

LP asked the question of whether the take-up of free school meals would be monitored. This would take place.

CW stressed that it is really important that families apply for free school meals – pupil premium funding. CW is to send out the menu with a covering letter explaining how the free school meals system worked.

New tables for the dining hall are to be delivered during the summer holidays.

Attendance Certificates

It was agreed that Platinum, Gold, Silver and Bronze certificates would be awarded at the end of year.

Parent/Teacher Meetings

Parent questionnaires had been returned. A discussion took place on these meetings. It was felt that the middle meeting of each yearly three meetings would take place without pupils attending, (parents to meet teachers without their children being present). It was felt that an end of year celebratory event should take place with pupil's work being shown.

Sports Day

All reps agreed that this had been a huge success. Reps had received positive feedback on all children being able to take part in the sprint races. It was suggested that parents would appreciate knowing the winning House from Sports Day as there had been some confusion with the points from other House events throughout the year.

SH asked whether healthy savoury options could be supplied for sports day, as many parents came without having their lunch. CW was conscious of WJ's workload, but would suggest this to her. **CW**

Person to Organise Nearly New Uniform

Maddy Powell is happy to continue with the nearly new uniform.

Year 3 and 4 Overnight Trip

CW asked for comments on this subject. Cost was discussed and it was thought that a £30-£50 would be a good guideline. Camping was put forward as a starter. This was thought ideally to happen next year. **CW is to look into this.**

Agenda No 5	Date of Next Meeting	Action:
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- 5.1** CW would like it minuted his thanks to all class reps for their hard work during the year and looks forward to their continued support.
- 5.2** The date of the next Parents Voice Group meeting is to be arranged. A discussion took place on the timings of the PVG meetings and it was felt that one a term would be favoured.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 3.05PM