

FOWEY PRIMARY SCHOOL MINUTES OF THE PARENTS VOICE GROUP MEETING 22 JUNE 2016 – 2.15PM

Present: Jo Virr (Gribben), Julie Smith (Readymoney),
Amy Eaton (Lantic), Emma Jennings-Frisby (Lantic),
Paul Hupfield (Lantic), Lucy Trudgian (Carne),
Katy Warnes (Cannis), Claire Hoddinott (Coombe),
Chris Wathern (Headteacher/Chair),
Chris Williams (Chair of Governors) (CHW)
Pat Richards (Clerk)

Agenda No 1	Apologies	Action:
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- 1.1 Apologies were received and accepted from Julia Sioufi, Tom Owen and Kay Peacey.
- 1.2 CW would like it minuted his thanks to Lucy Trudgian and Julia Sioufi for all their hard work on the PVG. LT fed back that she had joined the PVG seven years ago and felt that it was a valuable asset to the school.

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

Agenda No 3	Matters Arising	Action: TO
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- 3.1 **Agenda Item 8 – School Cap**
CW had looked into the purchase of this item. CW had made the decision that this extra piece of uniform proved too expensive.
- Agenda Item 9 – Shed**
The area around the shed had been cleared. TO has offered to help move the shed.
- Agenda Item 10 – Safer Routes to School**
JS fed back that parents thought it was working well. Although a “drop and go” operation was now taking place which was thought to be highly dangerous. PH related that the re-cycling area had been re-sited which now made room for two more parking spaces. The top car park was being used by a couple of parents.
- Agenda Item 11 – Swimming Communication**
CW reported that the system was working well. The mobile phone which is kept in the office would be used in emergency situations only.

Agenda No 4	Bude – Peer Pressure to go in YR5?	Action:
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- 4.1 JS reported that some YR5 parents had reported that their children felt under pressure to attend the Bude Residential. CW said that this event had been open to YR5 and 6 children for the last six years. He went on to say that some parents took the offer up, and others waited for their children to be in YR6. All YR6 children attended this year, with half of YR5 children attending. The cost of the Bude trip was £310. This sum of money covered

the cost of the centre, food, tutors etc. There was a payment plan in place for parents to fund the trip. A sum of money from Pupil Premium is set-aside for parents to access, with both YR5 and YR6 supported by this.

- 4.2 CW asked for comments from the PVG on this matter. JV fed back that parents should make the decision on whether their child in YR5 or YR6 should go on one trip or two, or if any at all.
- 4.3 The PVG agreed that perhaps extra curricular activities could be put in place in the week for the children not attending the trip.

Agenda No 5	Pens Staining Uniform	Action: CW
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- 5.1 A discussion took place on the pens used for wipe boards. Ink was virtually unable of being washed out of school uniforms.
- 5.2 CW has looked into trialling, for the Lantic children, a washable wipe board pen; unfortunately the darkest colour that could be obtained was dark turquoise.

Agenda No 6	Parking Update	Action:
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- 6.1 This was discussed in Agenda Item 3.

Agenda No 7	INSET Days Spread Out More	Action:
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- 7.1 EJJ brought this subject up. She had been approached by parents asking whether INSET days could be tagged on in the Spring Term. CW fed back that training, some of which is with other schools in the PLT couldn't be changed this year. He went on to say that it was about balancing the training needs of the school as well as thinking of where to place them for parents.
- 7.2 CW relayed that INSET days were used wisely. The PVG considered that this year the INSET days were well spaced. The needs of the school were foremost/benefit from INSET days.

Agenda No 8	RE/Assemblies	Action: CW/PVG REPS
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- 8.1 Reps in Lantic fed back that they had received comments about the Easter assembly; which was thought not to be age appropriate for Lantic, where children would be very inquisitive. PH had had feedback from some parents with only one objection which was regarding the wedding scenario being inappropriate.
- 8.2 CW showed a copy of a publication which is on the school website outlining the RE guidelines for reception children.
- 8.3 CW is willing for parents to make an appointment to see him to discuss this subject and their decision to withdraw their child from assemblies.
- 8.4 After much discussion the PVG decided that RE was a very complex area.

Agenda No 9	Why Was Jacket Potato Option Removed?	Action:
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- 9.1** CW said that when the jacket potato had been re-instated on the menu as a daily option, seventeen children in Lantic were ordering jacket potatoes every day, which had created difficulty in the kitchen with menu planning and also ensuring children had a varied diet.
- 9.2** CHW relayed that he liaises with Wendy on menu designs. They want to make each meal healthy, which included the 'five a day'. He went on to say that Dan the new cook is very enthusiastic about taking on this practice. Children were surveyed about menus. CW fed back that Around the World menus were very popular, with children trying food they would not normally eat. Another idea put forward by EJJ was for taster pots to be put on the table for children to try.
- 9.3** The school has full control over the running of the kitchen and the school wants to keep the finances in the classroom not on meals. Unfortunately the kitchen cannot be a bespoke one. It was felt that food education was very important.
- 9.4** After much discussion CH asked whether it would be viable, from a menu planning situation, to have a pre-booking meal system. With children changing their minds or being away, this could prove difficult.

Agenda No 10	Can Siblings Join Lunch 'n' Learn	Action: CW
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- 10.1** EJJ asked the question whether it would be possible for one session a year, siblings to attend the Lunch 'n' Learn.
- 10.2** CW fed back that it would logistically be an issue.
- 10.3** A suggestion of putting in a crèche for younger siblings was put forward. CW said he would give this some thought for the future but can't be guaranteed due to staffing.

Agenda No 11	Fund Raising Update	Action:
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- 11.1** CW thanked KW and her team for raising an amazing amount of money for the school.
- 11.2** Letters of thanks are to go out to all donors of prizes for the raffle at this fundraising event.
- 11.3** CW and KW are to meet to discuss further ideas to be put forward for the next year.

Agenda No 12	Date of Next Meeting	Action:
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- 12.1** A big thank you was expressed by CW to all reps continuing on the PVG in the next year.
- 12.2** The dates of the next meetings are to set in the Autumn Term.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 3.05pm