

FOWEY PRIMARY SCHOOL MINUTES OF THE PARENTS VOICE GROUP MEETING 4 MARCH 2015 – 2.30PM

Present: Sarah Harrower (Readmoney),
Julie Smith (Readmoney), Julia Sioufi (JHS) (Carne),
Lucy Trudgian (Carne), Kay Peacey (Cannis),
Tom Owen (Coombe), Polly Brown (Coombe),
Chris Wathern (Headteacher/Chair),
Jo Guest (Governor), Pat Richards (Clerk)

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| Agenda No 1 | Apologies | Action: |
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1.1 Apologies were received and accepted from Jo Virr.

1.2 CW welcomed KP and JG to the meeting.

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| Agenda No 2 | Minutes of Last Meeting | Action: |
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2.1 The minutes of the last meeting held on 26 November 2014 were proposed as a true copy and signed by the Chair.

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| Agenda No 3 | Matters Arising | Action: CW |
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3.1 4.1 – YR3 and 4 Overnight Trip

Letters are being sent out this week to parents of children who are taking part in the Truro camp. An information meeting for parents/children is taking place in April for those children going. Staff going on the trip: Paul Trudgeon, Virginia Oatham, Vanessa Scott and CW.

6.1 – Do parents need a DBS to help out on trips

LT fed back that she had spoken to parents and all was satisfactory.

7.1 – After school taster sessions for instrumental lessons

CW is to look into this further.

8.1 – After School Drama Club

School have offered two Drama Clubs this term.

9.1 – School Dinners

A survey had taken place and the consensus of opinion was that the school lunches were very good and very nutritional.

10.1 – The re-establishment of the PSA

There had been a meeting re this subject. It was fully agreed at that meeting that the fundraising efforts carry on in its established position. A further meeting is to take place to map out a year's planning in a couple of weeks. CW thanked all the parents and staff involved in fundraising for all their hard work and commitment.

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| Agenda No 4 | Allocation of After School Clubs | Action: KP |
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4.1 CW fed back that this was an agenda item for staff. JS asked if there was a fairer way of children getting their choices. It was felt that preferences were very difficult

to allocate, with much time being spent on allocating children getting their first choice. Discussion took place on the following:

- a box in the foyer would be helpful for choices to be put in;
 - to inform parents how choices are allocated;
 - looking to extend range and numbers;
 - allocate child to one club only;
 - currently limited clubs for YRs 2 and 3;
 - issues involving siblings were complex;
- 4.2 Club information is to go out to parents earlier than normal. Parents will be informed of their child's choice allocation before Easter.
- 4.3 TO fed back that children loved clubs and workshops and felt that it was a 'victim of its own success'. The school was congratulated and thanked for all their hard work in running these clubs.
- 4.4 KP is to look at computer programmes for this subject.

AGENDA ITEM 5 IS TO BE DISCUSSED AFTER ITEM 6

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| Agenda No 6 | Preparation for Sporting Competitions | Action: CW |
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- 6.1 LT discussed this by saying that parents had not been informed on matters concerning sporting competitions; swimming in particular. CW reported that some events were notified to the school too late for children to prepare for. JS asked if cross country events could be taken on, with TO asking if a parent could take children to small events. CW reported that we would be unable to send children to these events with just parents. CW to pass back to staff about cross country.

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| Agenda No 5 | Multi-Academy Trust Proposal | Action: |
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- 5.1 CW reported that a letter had been sent to all parents concerning this matter, but he had received no feed back.
- 5.2 A Full Governing Body meeting with Lostwithiel School Governors, including their headteacher had taken place with David Parker, the Peninsular Learning Trust (PLT). Two meetings are to be set up, one during the day and one evening, for parents to meet David Parker of the PLT and put questions to a panel about Fowey Primary School becoming an Academy/joining PLT. This would be the formal parental consultation stage.
- 5.3 JG told the group that lots of work has been taking place behind the scenes looking into various models by various Governors. CW explained briefly the type of school improvement work Fowey Primary and Lostwithiel School had undertaken over the last couple of years, with school improvement being heightened since sharing good practice between both schools.

- 5.4** KP asked whether shared Headship had been considered. CW stated this had been explored, but for personal reasons had turned down potential Executive Headship of both schools. Lostwithiel is to have its own Headteacher.
- 5.5** KP asked whether there had been any pressure to become an Academy. CW assured the PVG that no pressure had been put on the school.

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| Agenda No 7 | Availability of Water Bottles | Action: |
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- 7.1** JS had been approached by parents concerning children coming home with full water bottles. JS asked the question could water bottles be kept on children's desks. CW commented that water bottles were kept on the side in the classroom. Reps and CW gave various alternative scenarios for explanation, e.g. drinking at lunchtime, water fountains, filling up their water bottles, etc. After some discussion CW suggested that parents have a word with their child's teacher if they felt their child wasn't drinking enough water. CW had raised this issue with staff to make sure children were allowed to drink water. All staff in agreement and explained the only time they discourage drinking is during any whole class input.

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| Agenda No 8 | Date of Next Meeting | Action: |
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- 8.1** The date of the next meeting has been set at **Wednesday 10 June at 2.15pm.**

There being no further business the meeting closed at 3.15pm