

Fossoway School Council

Meeting Minutes

**Date: 10 May 2010**

**Present: Andrew Montford ( AM), Karen Hogarty ( KH), Will Campbell ( WC) ,Ian Rose ( IR), Katharine Gunn ( KG), Ann Marie Sands( AMS) Heather Hutchinson( HH) and Caroline Gallacher ( CG).**

**Apologises: Sam Nicholson ( SN) Denise Wilson ( DW), Carol Kinghorn ( CK), Rashmi Shah( RS).**

### **Child Exploitation Online Protection ( CEOP)**

Council members were given a brief presentation of the CEOP web site and shown two short clips aimed at parents. During Health week, w/c 7<sup>th</sup> June, all children will be introduced to the subject using age appropriate material.

There was discussion as to how best introduce the subject to parents. It was agreed that parents should receive the CEOP leaflet giving details of the website, with an accompanying letter offering an evening session/ workshop and a return slip to gauge parents' interest.

If sufficient interest, the evening session for parents would also be held the w/ c 7<sup>th</sup> June.

Action WC to draft letter to parents.

### **Admin**

Finance – RS to arrange for change of signatories.

Staffing update

P&K Council still considering teacher allocations and placing requests.

No decision on class size or composition can therefore be taken at present.

### **Curriculum Information**

The small subgroup is to meet on 17<sup>th</sup> May to consider further parents' information needs about C for E with the aim of having something in place for the start of the new academic year.

### **Parental Involvement**

Provision of music tuition

Patrick Smythe will be assessing P4, 5 and 6 this term. Those showing aptitude and interest will be offered string tuition.

A meeting has been held with the guitar teacher. Hopefully there will be an after school club starting shortly for a maximum of 8 pupils on a Monday pm for 1 hour. There will be a cost of £ 5 / hour.

SN asked the High School for any teachers on 'study leave' during exams if they had capacity to come to Fossoway to teach/ enthuse pupils about playing an instrument and is awaiting a response.

We carried forward the proposal to investigate further the 'sound start' funding scheme for music tuition. If sufficient interest can be generated, agreed FSC would provide guidance to parents about how to contact P&KC to apply for music tuition ( IT1 form.)

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Action - RS to report back at next meeting.

### **Communication**

A summary of the feedback, received during parent/ teacher discussion nights, is now posted on the FSC web site. Agreed there should be a groupcall text to alert parents to this.

School website - the admin team are now working on loading information onto the website. A pupils' working group has been set up to consider what pupils would like to see on the website.

The answers to recent FAQ have now been posted on the FSC website.

### **Safe Routes to school**

The group will hopefully be able to report on some path developments soon.

### **AOCB**

Agreed the following two items received from parents to be answered on the FAQ page of the FSC website:-

Why are parents not informed when there are known cases of head lice in the school as parents could then be more vigilant and more proactive in helping to control the issue?

Are school meals supervised to encourage pupils , particularly of the younger age groups , to take fruit and vegetables?

Out of school learning – information has been received from various tutors but it was felt that it would not be appropriate for the school to advertise their services .

School Improvement Plan –this is now up for review and the school would like ideas for parental involvement. Agreed to discuss further at next FSC meeting.

WC to circulate existing plan.

The Fossoway staff would like to thank parents for their patience and support over the last few difficult weeks following the very sad passing of Mrs Mac.

**Date of next meeting**

Monday 31st May 2010 at 6pm.