



FAMILY HUB MEETING

Minutes of meeting held on Thursday 14th April 2016, at 2pm

Present: Stephanie Cartmel (SC), Nicola Williams (NW), Chris Headland (CH), Lynda Bowen (LB), Terri Probert (TP), Rebecca Quayle (RC),

Apologies: Louise Cooke, Kay Redhead, Mandy Findlay, Jenny Beswick, Jane Ralph

Minute Taker: Anne Fraser (AF) School Support Officer

1. Minutes

Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 11 February 2016 agreed by CH and seconded by NW.

2. Matters arising

SC - The 'Go a mile' started yesterday and will link into Wellbeing Day.

AF - Spoken to Conwy Catering re: photographs of lunches.

Nearly new uniform – we will be asking again for donations (was on Facebook last night). We need spare PE kits too. Also a reminder to parents to check their child's kits for size in case they have grown – class pop in times are a great time to do this. Any kit without names, staff will write on labels to name them – all present agreed this was fine.

3. Latest news

SC informed that not all of the Traed Bach children this year will get a Reception place for September due to limited space. Conwy County Council make the decisions based on criteria, and will inform parents by letter. We also have children with complex needs and more space would be beneficial to them, and for providing more family groups and opportunities for activities for all pupils. SC has been investigating log cabins, modular buildings and further extension with the governors and County Council.

4. Format of Family Hub Meetings

Parents reported that it had been good to have the school council representatives in the last Family Hub meeting, and that it would be great if they could come in more often to give feedback to the Parent Reps.

The 'Parents' Forum' name and style was changed to re-brand it and encourage people to come along. Parents felt the time talking to SC was very beneficial, and didn't want it to be rushed to spend time with the children. Therefore, it was proposed that time with the children would be at the





beginning of the next meeting (playing board games – SC will ask the PTA to buy some and parents will bring their own) and that current Parent Reps would bring another parent along with them too. It was stressed the benefit of being part of the Family Hub – the influence that a Parent Rep can have, and how much the children enjoy seeing their parents involved.

5. Open Day Feedback

Parents reported that they appreciated more how much hard work the children do in class, and realise more their children's potential after seeing them on the Open Day. It was a good chance to get to know each other and the governors better. Reps reported that staff and children seemed relaxed with visitors in the school, and seem happy to be in school. More Parent Reps attended this year than ever before so 'Thank you' to all who came.

6. Pupil Election & Aspiration theme

There will be mini elections in school the first week of May, to coincide with the Welsh Election. Ministers will be voted by each class who will then create a manifesto and a speech. Children will be encouraged to write to ministers and famous people – encouraging children to aspire and dream about what's possible. Parents were asked to think if there was anyone they knew that could be a useful contact.

7. Parents' ideas & Suggestions

Parents reported that they like the class Dojos, and are regularly checking them during the day and discussing them with their child – a great home school link.

Reps planned that they would highlight the Family Hub and how good the meeting had been today on Facebook and promote the next meeting.

Limited concert tickets were discussed and that some Facebook comments about St David's Day tickets had not been helpful. It was asked if there is a better way to do it and ways of allocating tickets was discussed – the school is limited with the size hall of the hall and notice is given in advance to parents about ticket allocations before events.

Easter Hat Parades this year were good and very well attended.

8. Summer Activities – Summer Fair

PTA to confirm the date of the Summer Fair.

Next meeting arranged for Thursday 26th May 2016, 1.30pm.

