



Stakesby Community Primary School

Parent Rep Meeting Minutes

16th May 2016 3.30pm-4.30pm

In attendance: Amanda Esson, Michelle Sutherland, Vicky Jackson, Sarah Locker, Helen Tillson, Alison Leather

Apologies from: Emma Bartlett, Nicky Thornton, Kerry Edmond, Lindsay Winter

The minutes from the previous meeting were agreed.

Facebook An Update from Mrs Tillson

At present, Mrs Tillson and Mrs Gurney are the only staff who have access to update our Facebook page, although there are future plans to extend this to other staff. At the moment, other staff can pass items on to Mrs Tillson or Mrs Gurney to be placed on Facebook.

The Facebook page can receive as well as broadcast. The feedback from Year 6 at Bewerley Park was very positive and well worth the effort of posting each day.

The use of Facebook has reduced the need for text messaging although text will still be used for important information like swimming lessons. Newsletters etc are being put on Facebook. Mrs Tillson is trying to ensure that photos etc come from a range of classes. Kerry Edmond forwarded a comment that there were a lot of pictures of teacher's children. Mrs Tillson responded by saying that there are a lot of staff children in our school and that she tries really hard for this not to happen and often in school teacher's children are not chosen for things to ensure that this doesn't happen. Mrs Tillson also said that there are also difficulties with ensuring photos used do not include pupils who have 'opted out'. All staff have an 'opt out' list for their class.

Not many parents are trying to communicate via 'messenger'. Reps said there were not too many 'likes' for comments posted. Mrs Tillson informed us that she can see

how many people the comments have 'reached' which can be anything from 250-1000 but many people are choosing not to 'like' them. The most viewed posts have been Forest Schools and Bewerley Park.

Parent Pay

The viewpoints were split between those who use Parent Pay and think it is marvellous and those whom are paid in cash and prefer not to use it.

The people using Parent Pay said it was great for paying for school dinners and to spread costs for trips over several weekly payments. It was suggested that those choosing not to use it may be worried about how to set up/use the system. Mrs Harrison would like anyone who is unsure or having problems to seek support from her at the office.

Uniform Stall

A message from Mrs Harrison that we sell second hand uniform all year round and not just at our very popular Summer and Christmas Fairs. Parents are encouraged to donate any unwanted uniforms.

AOB

Michelle Sutherland asked if children needed to continue with the WOPS band as some pupils want to finish and also that storing instruments at home was an issue. Mrs Leather said that the WOPs band was intended to give ALL children the opportunity to play a musical instrument. She also mentioned that it linked really well with the school's OFSTED action point of 'raising aspirations and broadening horizons'. Mrs Leather agreed to pass all comments on to Mr Gunning.

Action: Mr Gunning has given children an opt out opportunity.