



Stakesby Community Primary School

Parent Rep Meeting Minutes

7th February 2017 3.30pm-4.30pm

In attendance: Nicky Thornton, Emma Davis, Rebecca Burrell-Smith, Sarah Locker, Vicky Jackson, Michelle Sutherland, Kerry Edmond, Alison Leather Sharon Gurney,

Apologies from: Roy Gunning, Helen Tillson, Emma Bartlett, Lindsay Winter

The minutes of the previous meeting were agreed as a true record. Mrs Leather said she would now put them on the website in the 'Parent Rep' area.

New School Website App

- Mrs Leather introduced Mrs Sharon Gurney who is an HLTA at Stakesby, a Staff Governor and also responsible for Computing across the school. Mrs Leather and the Reps welcomed Mrs Gurney to the meeting.
- Mrs Leather outlined the plan for the meeting. Mrs Leather explained that the new school website is now up and running and that staff are regularly contributing to it.
- Mrs Gurney introduced the Reps to the website app. She provided easy to follow 'How to...' sheets to enable all reps to successfully download the app onto their mobile phones.
- Mrs Leather will send a copy of those instructions to any reps not in attendance.
- Mrs Gurney explained that she would like the reps to trial the app and highlight any glitches.
- The reps were asked to access the website via the mobile app with a view to providing feedback at our next reps meeting.

- There then followed a length of time where reps were able to download the app. They were given the opportunity to ask any questions and Mrs Gurney also directed them towards specific features which they may find useful eg. events. There was some time given to explore the app.

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- Daily/10 minute mile: Kerry Edmond asked for clarification on the footwear permitted for the Daily Mile as she understood that some pupils were changing into trainers whilst others were not.

For the benefit of all reps Mrs Leather explained the '10 Week Challenges' that had been set to all classes throughout the school by Mr Bates, our P.E. teacher.

Mr Bates has set a variety of physical challenges to the pupils including; aerobics, developing skills, daily mile/couch to 2K etc. The ethos behind it is to include regular exercise as part of the children's daily routine to develop fitness and promote a healthy lifestyle.

Mrs Leather explained that as there is so much curriculum to squeeze into the school day, taking 10 minutes a day to exercise helps ensure that the children are accessing the required amount of PE over the course of the year. It was also noted that 10 minutes out each day is also a great opportunity to take a 'brain break' enabling the children to return to the following lesson refreshed and ready to learn. A number of the reps said that they thought this was a good idea.

In response to the question of footwear, Mrs Leather said that the children are not required to change for the 10 minute challenges. She said that to her knowledge, only a very small number of pupils change footwear and in these cases it is because parents have approached staff to make them aware of medical issues. Mrs Leather explained that if everyone were to change footwear, the concept of the challenge only taking ten minutes would be lost and unmanageable. Mrs Leather pointed out that as part of our school uniform policy, we expect pupils to come to school in robust and sensible footwear which they can safely play in. She went on to say that the children happily run around at playtime and lunchtime in their school shoes.

- Pupil Premium Letter: Kerry Edmond asked about a recent letter from school which encouraged families eligible for Pupil Premium funding to complete an application form. Kerry said the letter also offered free sweatshirts for completing the forms which she felt was unfair.

Mrs Leather said that she was unable to comment on the specific content of the letter as she had not read it. She explained that in the past, families entitled to Pupil Premium funding had to apply to receive free school meals for their children. However, as now ALL pupils up to the end of KS1 are able to receive a free school meal each day, there has been a decline in the number of families applying for the funding. As schools receive additional funding to support Pupil Premium, it is vitally important to the families and the school to register to release the funding to school. It was agreed that the offer of a free sweatshirt was made to encourage parents to complete the application for this vital funding.

- School Sports Kit: Vicky Jackson raised that at a recent multi-schools sporting event, she noticed that the Stakesby sports kit is looking rather old and tatty, particularly when compared to other local primary schools. It was noted and agreed that as this is a public face for our school, we should consider ways of sourcing funds to buy new kits for the school.

A discussion followed about fund raising. The reps who are also FOSS members said that they would ask about this at their next meeting. The reps also suggested sponsorship and agreed to think of businesses connected to school who may be willing to sponsor. Mrs Leather said she would put an item on the newsletter appealing for sponsorship.