

Fossoway School Council

Meeting Minutes

**Date 31 March 2010**

**Present: Sam Nicholson ( SN), Ian Rose ( IR), Rashmi Shah( RS), Katharine Gunn ( KG), Ann Marie Sands( AMS) Heather Hutchinson( HH) and Caroline Gallacher ( CG).**

**Apologises: Denise Wilson ( DW), Andrew Montford ( AM), Karen Hogarty ( KH) Will Campbell ( WC), Carol Kinghorn ( CK)**

### **Admin**

Finance – RS now has forms and will arrange for change of signatories.  
An invoice has been received from the school for photocopying costs.  
Action – WC to send invoice to RS to arrange payment.  
SRTS has made a request to the FSC for £100 funding. This was approved by FSC members present.

Staffing update

P&K Council currently considering teacher allocations and placing requests.  
No decision on class size or composition can therefore be taken at present.

### **Curriculum Information**

The C for E parent workshop took place on 22<sup>nd</sup> March with several members of staff present and approx 8 parents from Fossoway.

It was agreed a small subgroup should be set up to consider further parents' information needs about C for E with a aim of having something in place for the start of the new academic year.

**Action - All FSC members interested in taking this forward to meet Wednesday 21 April , 6 pm.**

### **Parental Involvement**

Provision of music tuition

Patrick Smythe will be assessing P4 and 5 on a Friday pm. Those showing aptitude and interest will be offered tuition, possibly in two groups starting after the summer holidays. P&K Council will fund for the first year through their Youth Music Initiative and thereafter parents will be asked to contribute.

A guitar teacher has been found to provide tuition and is just waiting for disclosure. This may be in the form of an after school club or a session within

school hours. The school hopes to find some funding but parents may need to contribute.

SN suggested asking 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. This could also include musical High School pupils. Agreed this would be an excellent idea; Action - SN to follow up. Also discussed the possibility of extending this idea to musical parents who may be willing to come into school and play/ show pupils an instrument. Agreed to discuss this further at next meeting.

Agreed 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.)

### Community Woodlands

Potentially two areas of land near the school have been proposed as community woodlands. It was agreed that this would be a good opportunity for the school to be involved with the establishment of these woodlands. Action - RS to investigate further.

### Communication

Parent/ teacher discussion nights were held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> March. WC provided a summary of the parent feedback, provided on the night, on Education City and the class folders. Agreed a letter to parents, with a summary of findings and future actions, should be available on the FSC website. Action - KG and CG to finalise letter and summary of findings and pass to WC to place on website.

School website - the development work has now been completed and the school admin team will be working on the website during one of the April in-service days. There will hopefully be clear links to the FSC website.

It was noted that the answers to FAQ have not appeared on the FSC website yet and two of the same questions had been raised again by parents. Action - WC to place answers on website asap.

### Safe Routes to school

A meeting of the group was held on 26 March. Full minutes of the meeting to be posted on the FSC website. Action - WC

There was discussion on the definition of the proposed 'paths' and legitimate levels of recreational use. Action IR/ CG to try and clarify.

Date of next meeting

Monday 10<sup>th</sup> May 2010 at 6pm.