

CHAIR: E Jordan
 VENUE: School
 DATE: 02.02.16 3.15pm

PARENT COUNCIL
Bunbury Alderney CE Primary School

REPORTING PERIOD: 2015 - 2016				
Present	Name	Membership Category	Child's Year	Membership Commenced
√	Victoria Rice	Parent	YR	Nov-15
√	Nic Webster	Parent	YR	Nov-15
√	Adele Blinkhorn (Clerk)	Parent	Y1	May-15
√	Laura Hothersall	Parent	Y1	May-15
x	Rachel Thirlwall	Parent	Y2	May-15
x	Madeline Jones	Parent	Y2	May-15
√	Tracey Flynn	Parent	Y3	May-15
√	Kate Catherall	Parent	Y3	May-15
√	Vanessa Green	Parent	Y4	May-15
x	Marnie Dobson	Parent	Y4	Jun-15
√	Emma Jordan (Chair)	Parent	Y5	May-15
√	Roz Kepke-Smith (Vice Chair)	Parent	Y5	May-15
√	Kate Sandbach	Parent	Y6	May-15
x	Diana Williams	Parent	Y6	Nov-15
√	Fiona Todd	Head teacher	n/a	
√	Sheila Loughlin	IEB	n/a	

Minute Taker : Adele Blinkhorn

Discussion & Action Points	Whom/When
1. Apologies M Jones, R Thirlwall, D Williams, M Dobson	-
2. Minutes of Last Meeting Accepted	
3. Actions from last meeting Reading List - A suggested read list has now been produced and can be found in the English section on the school website. This is broken down by year group. After School Club for Parents - to show/help parents understand the current teaching methods. <i>The School is looking to re-instate this after the half term. (Places will be limited and will be offered to Y6 Parents first).</i> Interschool Competitions - There are still a number of concerns regarding interschool competitions. Parents would like more notice of up-coming events, to enable better preparation. Parents also need to better understand how the school can assist with this preparation by providing targeted sports lessons. Suggestions were made that parents maybe able assist with additional extra-curricular sessions, so the children understand the rules etc. prior to the event. Parents of KS2 children would like to understand the selection process, as currently the same children seem to be picked and therefore, not all children have the opportunity to compete. <i>The School is currently reviewing all sports competitions with a view to create a new policy covering both competitive and non-competitive sport.</i>	- FT FT

<p>School pick-up - No Mr Bibby!</p> <p>A number of Parents have expressed concern that there is no longer a adult representative present at the bottom of the drive to stop children running out into the road. <i>FT also expressed her concern and has approached Councillor Jones for support and/or suggestions e.g. the possibility of a crossing. Councillor Jones will be visiting the site over the coming weeks to assess the problem.</i></p> <p><i>Update - FT advised that Councillor Jones had visited the site and viewed the current issues. As a result, the 'flashing lights' on School Lane, will be reviewed to ensure they are working correctly. The Police have also been on site at morning drop-off. No further improvements or suggestions have been received at this point. FT has requested a crossing, although this has not been agreed. Parents asked if the option of a 'Pull In' for quick drop-off/collection could be considered in any future plans.</i></p>	-
<p>School Bus Comms</p> <p>Parents are concerned with the lack of communication from the school or the bus company when there are delays with the bus service. <i>FT advised that the School have no responsibility for the bus company and suggests the Parent Council write directly to them. FT to give contact details.</i></p>	EJ/FT
<p>4. IEB Update</p> <p>The Federation with St Oswald's all went through without issue. The IEB has now established a Shadow Governing Body and as a result the IEB will cease on 23rd February 2016. The HMI visit went very well and the outcome report is expected within 28 working days. The School receive excellent feedback regarding the behaviour of the children. The IEB are currently reviewing the after-school and pre-school provisions for the School. There are some concerns that parents are putting an unreasonable amount of pressure on teaching staff (Y5 in particular), the IEB request parents treat the staff as they deserve and should an issue arise, then the proper procedure should be followed. The Complaints procedure can be viewed on the School website. Y5 Parents commented that they were of the opinion that the recent meeting regarding Y5, was not needed.</p>	
<p>5. Head Update</p> <p>There are lots of positive things to celebrate including the trips and visits that the children have been on and the resilience of the staff. Mrs Badger has returned, currently working 1 day a week, this will increase to full-time working after half-term. On her return to full-time, Mrs Badger will be working closely with Y5 & 6 and will be teaching for half of the week. Mrs James will be leaving the School on Friday 12th Feb, although she will still be involved with the Governors. KiVa has been very successful. Bunbury has also started working closer with St Oswald's and we are already seeing the benefits -The purchase of new numicon resources and additional training for staff. We are also starting to take a more pro-active and less reactive approach , which is great progress. Both Schools will be celebrating World Book Day (3rd March). Mrs Crotty is also looking at the 'Rights Respecting Schools Award'.</p>	

<p>6. Takeaway Homework</p> <p>Parents are concerned that children are not given appropriate feedback on project work completed as part of the 'Takeaway homework'. Often children are not even given the opportunity to show or display their work. It was suggested that if the hand-in dates for homework was timetabled better, all children would have the opportunity to celebrate their achievements. <i>FT advised that there should be a 'presentation day' for children to display their work. FT to investigate.</i></p>	<p>FT</p>
<p>7. Times tables</p> <p>Are children required to do Times Tables as part of their homework? <i>FT advised that all children should be doing TT as part of the homework policy. FT to check if policy available on website. FT added that she would ensure TT are added to the Takeaway Homework schedules.</i></p>	<p>FT</p>
<p>8. Street Dance</p> <p>Children are currently asked to change back into their uniforms at the end of the sessions - why? <i>FT advised that this was requested by parents, due to items of clothing going missing.</i> Parents also wanted to know why places have been restricted to 15? <i>FT advised that this was due to teacher/child ratios.</i> Parents questioned whether or not a parent volunteer could be used to enable more children to participate in the activity. <i>FT advised that the question would need to be raised with Adam (Street Dance Instructor) directly.</i> <i>Note: Parent volunteers would need to be DBS checked.</i></p>	<p>Parents</p>
<p>9. Y3 Support</p> <p>What teacher support is available for Y3? <i>FT advised Y3 have TA support everyday.</i></p>	<p>-</p>
<p>10. Mathletics</p> <p>There is confusion among parents on how Mathletics is marked, monitored by teachers. E.g. If a child gets a question wrong, how do they find out how to correct it? <i>FT advised that all wrong answers are flagged to staff.</i> Parents are also concerned on how effective this is as a teaching method. <i>FT advised that reported findings are very positive, especially with children that would not normally be engaged.</i></p>	<p>-</p>
<p>11. Parents Evening</p> <p>Parents would like more notice of up-coming parents evenings and if possible the option of later sessions, to cater for working parents. <i>FT advised that they have been re-vamping the current model and it will be based on the High School Model. They will be trialling it after half-term. FT to check if dates are on School Calendar.</i></p>	<p>FT</p>
<p>12. Parking</p> <p>Covered in item 3 (School pick-up).</p>	<p>-</p>
<p>13. Maths Club for Y6</p> <p>Covered in item 3 (After School Club for Parents).</p>	<p>-</p>

<p>14. SPAG for Y5/6</p> <p>Parents would like to understand how much is taught as part of the curriculum? <i>FT advised that they are about to roll out a new structure, which will be incorporated into every lesson.</i></p>	-
<p>15. Safeguarding - Bus Children</p> <p>There have been 2 incidents where children have been sent home on the bus instead of attending after-school clubs. <i>FT advised that she was aware of one of the incidents and can assure Parents that the original protocol for bus children was now been followed and no further issues are expected.</i></p>	-
<p>16. Sports Club Notifications</p> <p>Parents are unhappy with the current timescales around receiving notifications of inclusion for after school clubs. <i>FT agreed with the parents concerns and advised that she had spoken to the after school club providers and requested that future comms be dealt with in a timely manner.</i></p>	-
<p>17. Serious Issue Protocol.</p> <p>EJ advised that during the last Ofsted inspection she was asked if the Parent Council had a 'Serious Issue Protocol' to deal with any serious complaints. It was agreed that although the PC believed it unlikely that we would require one, a whistle-blowing policy would be drafted. FT to forward a copy of the School's through to EJ.</p>	FT/EJ
<p>18. Sports for disengaged children</p> <p>Parents would like to know if anything is being done to bring sports to disengaged children in the School. <i>FT advised that they are about to launch non-competitive games across the partnership.</i></p>	FT
<p>17. Successes</p> <p>The return of Mrs Badger has been greatly received by parents and Children.</p> <p>Pen Licences continue to be a great success.</p> <p>The Cherish Club has been well received by Y6 and special thanks should go to Abby Cooper.</p> <p>Mrs Moxley - Y1 and Miss Cork - Y3</p> <p>The Buddy system is still working well across all age groups.</p>	-
<p>18. AOB</p> <p>Y4 PE - Parents are concerned that the current PE sessions are not energetic enough. <i>FT explained that PE sessions are done on a rolling programme.</i></p>	FT
<p>18. Next Meeting</p> <p style="text-align: center;">22 March 2016 - 3.30pm</p>	