

Venue: Camelford Primary School.

Time: 4-30p.m.

Present: M.Dyson(SJS), Aaron Langdon, Rachel Richards(both Camelford Primary), Hannah Simpson(St Breward), Jack Proctor(St Teath), Nic Osborne, Theresa Forbes(both Otterham), Pete & Patrick (Management from Camelford Leisure Centre).

Apologies: James Pritchard(Delabole & Tintagel).

N.B. Any points marked in **red** are actions to be carried out.

1. Working with the Leisure Centre.

Pete and Patrick explained that there was a totally new management at the Centre who are keen to work with the whole cluster especially the Primary schools. This would obviously be on a commercial basis, but they are keen to help in any way possible. They explained that they are trying to get Liam Smith into Primary schools more and gave a list of activities that he could offer on a paid hourly basis. These include: Bush Craft, Boxing, Kick Boxing, Skateboarding, street surfing, roller balding, Team building and minor games, Fitness and agility. Pete explained that they were looking to send in Liam to support curriculum time and asked that the primary schools consider how this may best be done.

Jack explained that cost maybe an issue for the Head Teachers so any support would have to fit in with school and government agendas. Jack suggested that P.E. Intervention would be a valuable way forward though emphasised that the sports premium money cannot be used to cover PPA time in schools.

Nic pointed out that intervention could be paid for through Pupil Premium money if it was supporting the most needy.

Schools will investigate ways to use and fund this resource.

Nic asked that the Centre consider how best we can use their facilities to enable the Primary schools to deliver more aspects of P.E. such as Basketball, Badminton and Tennis. Whilst fully understanding the demands of the Secondary School Curriculum it is felt that there could be more use of the Centre during the school day in order for the schools to be able to deliver and offer better quality P.E. with these better facilities. Matt and the centre management are already in discussion about how best to make the sports hall and other areas available. The cost of transport would also need to be considered.

It was generally felt that this needs to be done as our Primary schools have very limited facilities.

Pete gave details of an STA Safety Award for Teachers being held at the Centre on Sunday 8th May, cost £100. This would especially be useful to TAs who support swimming.

Pete asked for feedback about swimming lessons. There were some issues raised: The public taking time to clear changing rooms, overlap of schools in changing areas and lack trained swimming teachers. Patrick explained that all 3 issues were being addressed by timetabling a buffer time in so that there is a 15 minute changing time allotted between groups. The Leisure centre are training all new staff up as swimming teachers.

Nic suggested that schools look at the ASA Teaching materials as they have produced some excellent work cards which are a great resource for non specialists and TAs who will be taking groups.

2. Prioritising Sports within the cluster.

This was a continuation of the discussions had at previous meetings.

How best should we use the specialism's and facilities of the Cluster and which activities are best fit for our pupils?

Point 6 of our agenda was covered through this discussion.

Nic congratulated St Teath on reaching the final of the Plate competition at the East Cornwall Tag Rugby tournament on 15th April. This showed that the cluster is strong as this is a repeat of last year when Otterham reached the same point.

Nic, Jack and Hannah explained their concerns about the level 3 competitions for Tag Rugby and Netball.

Essentially there is a wide disparity between the standard of refereeing and interpretation of laws and rules. As a Cluster we have worked extremely hard with our level 2 tournaments with a real emphasis on children knowing the laws and expectations of the games they are playing. It was felt that once qualified for the level 3 competitions the refereeing should be stricter and laws properly applied. The general understanding of P.E. in our cluster is that children do the right things and behave in the correct manner whilst playing games; especially against other schools. This, after all, is the mark of true sportsmanship.

Matt suggested that we do need to raise our issues with Julie Ponting and Arena and that he would arrange a forum through which this is done.

On the issue of prioritising our school's sports it was felt that we should look at each school taking on at least one activity/festival which we should timetable each half term. This has already begun to happen, but needs to be formalised. With Academies looming it was felt that we do need to work more closely to offer the best P.E. experiences for our children and to work closely with Sir James Smith in order to provide Matt with a skilled set of youngsters moving from KS1 & 2 to KS3. It is therefore essential that we pool resources and facilities in order to help this happen; perhaps even using P.E. premium collaboratively.

Nic to draw up a plan and send to schools for debate and consideration.

Jack emphasised that there really is a need to have more specialist delivering P.E. as classroom teachers are crumbling under the weight of expectation and bureaucracy.

It was also suggested that a meeting be called where the Head Teachers share our vision for P.E. in the cluster (as was done a few years back).

It was also felt that there is a need to have more inter school activities where individual schools organise one off events between themselves and not always on a fully competitive basis. i.e. 3 schools get together to play rounders, football etc.

Everyone expressed a desire to do this and will begin to arrange activities.

We also considered the timings of when we teach certain sports and these do not have to be bound by the constraints of "seasons". i.e. Why not do Netball when the weather is warm so that our children do not suffer poor weather when trying to learn and develop skills. We must be more flexible that to be governed by the tournament dates.

3. The Olympics.

As this year is an Olympic year Matt has asked that we try to promote our sport through this medium.

It was suggested that we have a Cluster Sports Day which is Olympic theme using the adage: "It is not the winning, but the taking part". **Nic and Matt will meet to arrange an Olympics for the summer term where by children from all 8 schools are split into teams to participate in a number of Athletic and multi skill activities.**

4. Future Events.

7th June Yr 5&6 Multi Skills event at Camelford. **Details to follow.**

12th July Yr 1&2 Multi Skills event at Delabole. **Details to follow from James.**

It is hoped that we may also be able to fit in a Girls Football festival. **Jack to investigate.**

Olympics. **Dates and format to be decided as soon as possible.**

5. Cornwall Schools Rugby Football Union.

As a member of Cornwall RFU Youth Committee Nic has been asked to promote the CSRFU. All schools who take part in any rugby should be members and ought to look at this seriously. The membership includes insurance for players and information about changes is passed to schools. from September 2016 there are new Age Grade Rugby laws allowing U9's to get involved in contact including tackling and holding. This is not mandatory but implies that teachers have the expertise to coach this. **Schools to check Cornwall RFU website to acquire details.**

6. Arena and Level 2 tournament. Report on East Cornwall Tag Rugby.

This was covered under point 2.

A.O.B.

Netball High 5 Training is being offered by Netball England on 22nd September.

The meeting officially finished at 5-35p.m. though a small group of delegates continued valuable discussion till 6-10.

Nic Osborne 21.4.16.