



Streetsbrook Nutrition Action Group - SNAG

Date: Tuesday 25 February 2014 Time: 9.15 a.m. Venue: Streetsbrook School

Present:

Streetsbrook

Debbie Butlin (Chair)
Jane Bennett (Parent Governor)
Aimee Collier (FFL Lead Teacher)
Naomi Troughton (Parent and Gardening Champion)
Carol Williams (School Cook)

Cranmore

Jo Jennings (FFL Lead Teacher)
Tina Piechocki (Gardening Champion)

Community

Marilyn Phipps (Minutes)
Sandra Taylor (Solihull Catering)
Jacqui Webb (Solihull Catering)

Children:

Streetsbrook

Medina 2A
Daniel 2B
Raees 2B
Thea 2B

Cranmore

Lily
Stuart

Apologies

Zoe Jones

Welcome and Introduction

A warm welcome was extended to the children and staff from Cranmore Infant School who are also working towards their Gold Award and it is hoped that close collaboration will continue in future. Aimee Collier and Naomi Troughton were also warmly welcomed as new SNAG members and they were thanked for taking on their new roles.

Matters Arising

Since the last meeting Streetsbrook and Cranmore Schools have gained their Silver Award and are now working towards achieving gold!

Pasta bowls are now in use and CW confirmed that there is slightly less mess on the floor now although the main culprits still tend to be children who bring packed lunches. Cranmore staff and children agreed that this was a problem

<p>at their school too. DB asked the children if they had any suggestions as to how this could be addressed. One of the children said that those who drop food should be reminded to pick it up and put it in the bin.</p> <p>The Streetsbrook website now informs parents of the actual menu options available at the school each day rather than the general LA menu and this has been well received. Cranmore expressed interest in doing this too. DB said she needs to speak to their website manager to now also include promotional lunches.</p> <p>Despite many appeals at both schools it has not been possible to gain much interest from parents willing to serve on the SNAG and so Streetsbrook are especially delighted that NT has agreed to be the Growing Champion.</p> <p>Streetsbrook's Harvest Soup Day went well with children bringing in leeks and potatoes and making soup to be served to local elderly people. However the school had great difficulty in finding people to attend despite contacting local organisations who work with the elderly as well as leaflet drops to local homes and then inviting grandparents to attend. The school was disappointed at the lack of interest from these groups and in future will target a different section of the community.</p> <p>Katey Moxley from the wraparound childcare setting will be attending later in this meeting to provide an update on the provision of hot meals.</p>	<p>JJ</p> <p>DB JJ</p>
<p>Children's Input</p> <p>Many thanks to CW and ST for creating a food tasting bowl for the children who were asked if they could 'name those fruits' which they did.</p> <p>Their following activity was to work with an adult and devise a question that could be put into a quiz for every class in both schools to take part in. DB explained that she wanted to ensure that all children and teachers were involved in FFL work and this would help to keep FFL in the spotlight. The children were congratulated on their questions which were rather challenging in most cases! DB will circulate these around both schools and the SNAG children will be involved in possibly reading out the questions in each class.</p> <p>The children then enjoyed eating their fruit bowl tasters and they were all keen to try everything even when there were fruits that some had not tasted before. NT described an activity that she does at the supermarket with her children when she asks them to choose a fruit that they have not tried and taste it at home. They have discovered some fascinating facts about unusual fruits such as sharon fruit (also known as persimmon) or dragon fruit and have even tried growing some.</p> <p>The children were thanked for their input and left the meeting.</p>	<p>SNAG children /DB</p>
<p>Cranmore and Streetsbrook Team Talk</p> <p>Staff discussed how they might work together in future both strategically and</p>	

<p>practically.</p> <p>Both schools have run a 'village show' type of event and would like to do something different this year. In the past Cranmore have tried a 'Cookathon' where the whole school cooks the same recipe on one day with parent and local community involvement including support from Tesco. Streetsbrook expressed an interest in this and DB/JJ will liaise.</p> <p>A Growing Workshop was proposed to include both schools when parents can come into school during the day to learn how to make paper pots and grow vegetables with their children. These have been led by TP before and she is running one at Cranmore on 27 March. Staff and children from Streetsbrook will attend with a view to running one of their own later.</p> <p>A joint cookery day was proposed and AC was keen to make this competitive a la Masterchef to link with the work she is doing in PE to promote competition.</p> <p>It was agreed that both a cooking event and a growing event in one year may be over ambitious but AC, DB and JJ will liaise to discuss the way forward in more detail.</p>	<p>DB JJ</p> <p>TP DB NT</p> <p>JJ AC DB</p>
<p>Wraparound</p> <p>Katey Moxley, the manager of the childcare provision, was welcomed to the meeting. She gave a report on the success in uptake of hot meals being served to 2 year olds in the wraparound provision with some children having a breakfast, hot lunch and hot evening meal. The costs of these meals are included in the fees and this option is also being extended to the holiday club provision as it has been so popular. This is an excellent way of increasing school meal numbers as the food is provided through Solihull Catering and from September the fees for 3 and 4 year olds will also include the cost of a hot lunch.</p> <p>KM was thanked for her work and contribution to the meeting.</p>	
<p>Lunches from September</p> <p>JW informed the group that the government has produced information for schools and parents regarding the free school meal provision from September. There is a film for staff/parents explaining the rationale behind it with details of the School Food Plan. One of the main thrusts of this initiative is to secure the future good health of the population through excellent nutrition in childhood, thus saving future NHS spending on tackling the consequences of poor diet. It is important that schools engage in dialogue with parents to make sure that they understand that this drive comes from government. ST emphasised that Solihull Catering is keen to work with schools in the negotiations with parents to allay their fears and promote a focus on the positives of this scheme.</p> <p>There was much discussion around this issue and JW, ST and DB are to meet with Mrs Minter following this SNAG to agree a way forward.</p>	

<p>Gardening Blog</p> <p>NT explained that she is setting up a school blog on the Streetsbrook website which will be updated monthly to include reports from children and staff about their adventures in growing food. Each year group will have its own section on the blog and it may include children speaking about what they have done as well and writing about it, illustrated with photographs.</p>	<p>NT</p>
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<p>Farm Links</p> <p>Streetsbrook have registered with Tesco's 'Farm to Fork' project and Cranmore are about to do the same to develop links and support with their farm work.</p> <p>Farm links are well established in both schools although Streetsbrook now need to develop their farm links across the whole year that go beyond the farm visit. JJ said that Dickens Heath School have their own farm and are very happy to establish links with other schools. AC will investigate further.</p>	<p>JJ</p> <p>AC</p>
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The meeting closed at 11.15 with Cranmore expressing their thanks for the opportunity to attend and looking forward to future collaboration.

Date and time of next meeting

Tuesday 20 May 2014 @ 9.00am