

Growing Schools Partnership

The EWE Centre, Esh Winning Primary School

19th November 2009 10.30am-12.00pm

Present

David Etheridge, Rich Hurst, Andrea Carling.

Apologies

Apologies were received from Mike Hughes, Anna Corbett, Steve Ashton, Joanne Appleby.

Events

Ox Close Primary School - Growing Schools Twilight

DE reported that the event was well received, 26 teachers from 19 schools attended. 3 authorities were represented.

Ox Close teaching staff also attended the event, they had commented that they were 'very pleased' that the event had happened at their school.

Evaluation of the event - the monitoring forms were very positive, some comments for improvement - 'I would like advice on funding', 'I would have liked the opportunity to buy equipment. RH commented that the partnership was not able to provide this service as it would mean promoting some suppliers over others. AC and DE agreed with this.

Tees Valley Event

AC suggested Ravensworth Primary for the event, due to it's proximity to Middlesbrough and good transport links. They have a poly tunnel, hens, pond, allotments, orchard, raised beds and soft fruit growing areas. *(post meeting update - Kevin Skelton, Head Teacher at the school has agreed to this, AC to confirm a date)*

Suggested organisations to attend the event - Groundwork, Tees Valley Wildlife Trust, Tees Valley One World Centre, Bydales School Eco-Committee pupils and teacher, Middlesbrough Environment City, five Tees Valley local authorities, OFCA, Forest Schools leaders, Nature's World, RSPB, Food for Life, Askham Bryan college, Garden Organic, Healthy Schools officers.

Finance

£30 has been spent so far from the £5k budget. DE and AC proposed the following plan -

Regional Events x 2= £2000 (Groundwork, OASES, host schools)

Meeting organisation x 4 = £1000 (Groundwork and OASES)

Case studies = £1000 (10 @ £100 each)

Web based database = £1000 (Tees Valley Wildlife Trust)

Total = £5000

Database

Steve Ashton, Tees Valley Wildlife Trust has offered his services to update the database. 4 days work available, to be completed by March 2010.

DE to form a brief to steer Steve's work. DE to speak to Tom Higginbotham to ascertain which organisations he would like on the site.

Case Studies

£100 is to be made available to the best ten case studies. DE to move this forward.

Date and time of next meeting

To be confirmed with other members.