

Minutes of Meeting with School Council of Tref y Rhyg Primary School

Date	Wednesday 6 th November 2024
Time	14:00
Mode	Face to Face

Attendance		
Name	Initials	Title
Tim Britton	TB	Head of Primary Achievement
Sarah Nicholls	SN	21 st Century Schools Assistant Project Officer
Wendy Blyth	WB	Headteacher of Tref y Rhyg Primary School
Mr Lloyd	ML	Deputy Headteacher of Tref y Rhyg Primary School
N/A	N/A	School Council of Tref y Rhyg Primary School

1. Welcome and Introductions

Officers in attendance introduced themselves to the School Councils and thanked them for attending the meeting. The School Council introduced themselves.

2. Consultation Overview

The School Council of Tref y Rhyg Primary School gave a presentation to the officer's present which described the opportunities they had in Tref y Rhyg Primary School, what they like about Tref y Rhyg Primary School, and their concerns about the possibility of Tref y Rhyg Primary School closing. Tref y Rhyg Primary School have provided a copy of this presentation.

3. School Council Questions

The School Council of Tref y Rhyg Primary School were invited to ask questions and makes comments. The comments made are summarised in the table that follows.

Number	Comments
1.	Tref y Rhyg Primary School is a safe space for pupils.
2.	There is a close community in Tref y Rhyg Primary School between the staff, pupils and parents/carers.
3.	The teachers have helped a lot with my reading skills and give help to those who may struggle.
4.	I worry that the community relationships will be lost if this proposal happens.
5.	It will be nerve wracking for the little ones to move school.
6.	It will be hard and sad for the younger pupils (nursery) as they have just moved into Tref y Rhyg Primary School.
7.	It takes 45 minutes to walk to Tonyrefail Community School. This will be hard for people if they do not have a car or cannot take the bus and will be hard to do it multiple times a day (and for after school activities). Younger pupils will find the walk hard.
8.	Tref y Rhyg Primary School is the school that I fit in to – I feel safe here.
9.	Few people can afford to take the bus.

10.	I hope Tref y Rhyg Primary School doesn't shut down. I like the outdoor space we have here.
11.	We have good relationships here, with good support and friendships. Being in bigger classes may not work for us.
12.	I'm worried about what support there will be at the Tonyrefail Community School to help with things like our reading skills.
13.	Tref y Rhyg Primary School is a safe space for adults too. Parents/carers know they can speak to the staff if something is wrong.
14.	Tref y Rhyg Primary School has helped a lot with my reading and English skills after I moved here from a different country.
15.	I feel safe and happy throughout the day. The teachers here make me feel happy.
16.	We are a small but mighty school.
17.	I hope we can keep Tref y Rhyg Primary School open.
18.	I met most of my friends here and hope that Tref y Rhyg Primary School stays open.

4. Pupil Engagement - 'Have Your Say' Exercise

As part of the engagement exercise with the pupils at Tref y Rhyg Primary School, all pupils were given the opportunity to 'have their say'. Pupils were provided with stickers and post-it notes. They were asked to pick a sticker which represented how they felt about the proposal or write down their comments and views, in relation to the proposal.

5. Closing Remarks

The School Council were informed that they will be offered the opportunity over the coming weeks to reflect on the questions and responses provided and submit additional questions where required.

The School Council were encouraged to participate in engaging in the consultation process through completing the online survey or putting comments in writing to schoolplanning@rctcbc.gov.uk.

All attendees were thanked for participating in the meeting. Meeting closed at 14:25.

6. Post Meeting Note

The pupils at Tref y Rhyg fully engaged with the consultation process and on completion of the consultation period all of the pupil comments and all feedback was collected. These will all be shared with Cabinet prior to a decision on the proposal being made.

We would like to sincerely thank all pupils for their hard work in producing all of this valuable information.