

## Minutes from Blossomfield SNAG meeting 21.5.15

### (School Nutritional Action Group)

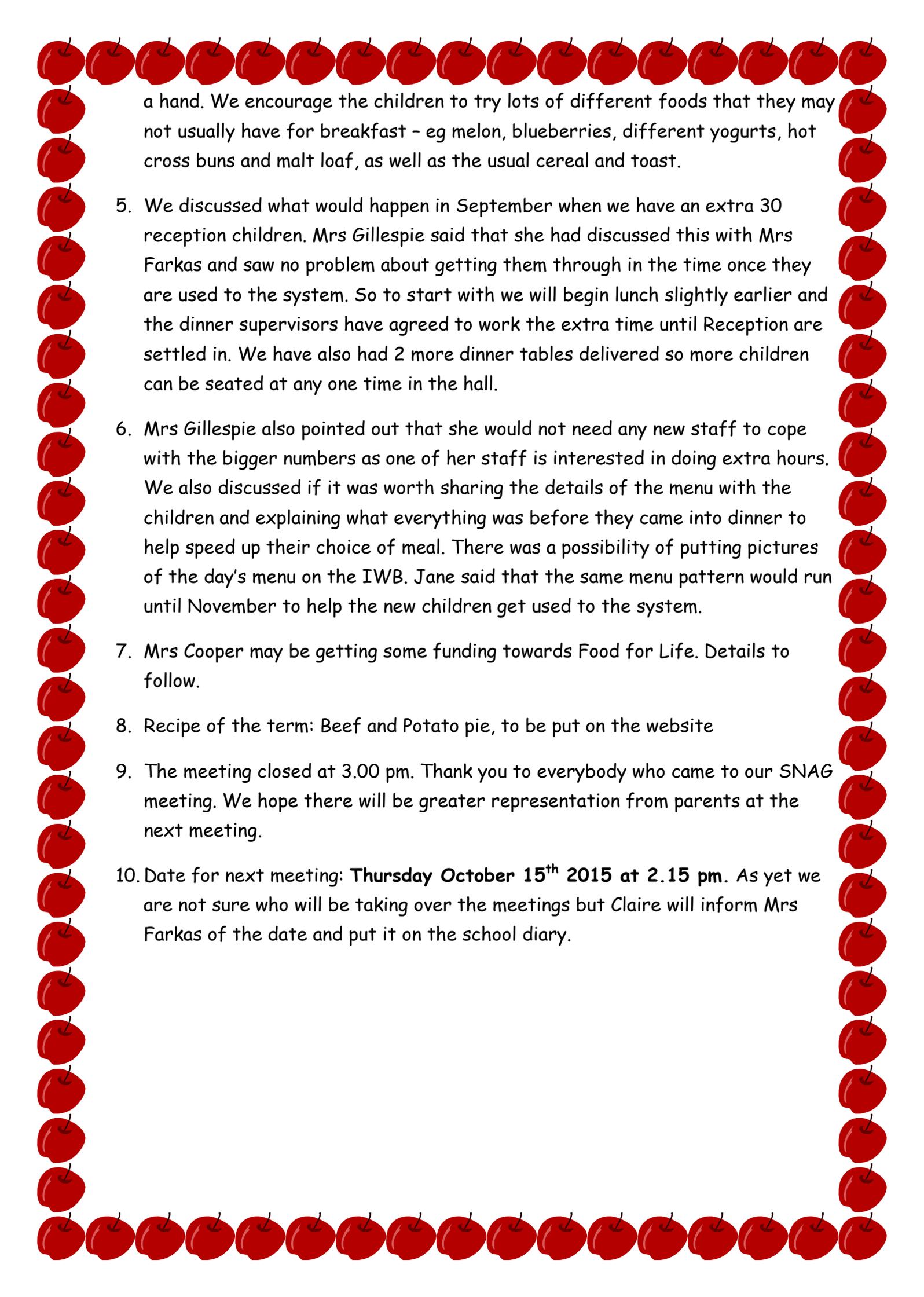
Present: Brigitte Gillespie (Cook)  
Patricia Collingridge (Teaching Assistant Y2)  
Debbie Rothwell (Teaching Assistant FS2)  
Jane Loose (Solihull Catering)  
Shawn, Jessica, Dontay, Harriette and Adam (Year 2 reps)  
Claire Hill (FFL lead)

Apologies: There were no apologies  
CH introduced the adults to the children and explained what they were going to be doing.

1. We played game on the internet about recognising the different food groups and choosing a balanced meal. Although the children have not done a lot as yet in school about this (it is planned for next half term), they quickly picked up what they had to do and could soon identify the different food groups.
2. We had a selection of red foods to try. Mrs Hill said that greens are good for us but so are red foods, and which red foods could the children think of? They thought of strawberries, apples, radishes, peppers and tomatoes and with a bit of help, beetroot and raspberries. They were a bit hesitant about trying some of the foods at first, but soon had a go and tried all of them! We talked about which food group they were from and why they were good for us.
3. The children were asked for their views on the special dinners. They really enjoyed bringing their teddies to the Teddy Bears Picnic and a couple of the children said they liked the ice lollies! When it is Leaver's Lunch they would like a special pudding - Shawn said ice lollies and Jessica suggested a chocolate sundae, Dontay wanted ice-cream with chocolate chips in! Someone else suggested chocolate brownie ice-cream! They agreed that the parents would like a roast dinner.

The children then returned to class.

4. Claire reported that breakfast club was run every Tuesday at 8.20am for invited children, by Mrs Yvonne Cooper, helped by Patricia Collingridge, Mrs Morrison, and Mrs Rothwell when she is able. Other staff also drop in and lend



a hand. We encourage the children to try lots of different foods that they may not usually have for breakfast - eg melon, blueberries, different yogurts, hot cross buns and malt loaf, as well as the usual cereal and toast.

5. We discussed what would happen in September when we have an extra 30 reception children. Mrs Gillespie said that she had discussed this with Mrs Farkas and saw no problem about getting them through in the time once they are used to the system. So to start with we will begin lunch slightly earlier and the dinner supervisors have agreed to work the extra time until Reception are settled in. We have also had 2 more dinner tables delivered so more children can be seated at any one time in the hall.
6. Mrs Gillespie also pointed out that she would not need any new staff to cope with the bigger numbers as one of her staff is interested in doing extra hours. We also discussed if it was worth sharing the details of the menu with the children and explaining what everything was before they came into dinner to help speed up their choice of meal. There was a possibility of putting pictures of the day's menu on the IWB. Jane said that the same menu pattern would run until November to help the new children get used to the system.
7. Mrs Cooper may be getting some funding towards Food for Life. Details to follow.
8. Recipe of the term: Beef and Potato pie, to be put on the website
9. The meeting closed at 3.00 pm. Thank you to everybody who came to our SNAG meeting. We hope there will be greater representation from parents at the next meeting.
10. Date for next meeting: **Thursday October 15<sup>th</sup> 2015 at 2.15 pm.** As yet we are not sure who will be taking over the meetings but Claire will inform Mrs Farkas of the date and put it on the school diary.