

St Lukes Science and Sports College
Parent Council Minutes
01.02.2011

Present

Laura Jewell; Clare Hepworth Wain; Sam McMaster (Parent Support Advisor for Beacon Learning Community); M Waite; L Dennis; S Fitzgerald; M Ebbatson; N Jeffrey; K Butterworth.

Apologies

C Knowles; J Rye; A Ridgeley; J Davey.

Minutes

The minutes from the last meeting were checked and agreed.

Action Point

CHW to check with Emma Fry (ICT Systems Manager) that all e-contact email addresses were retained when the system changed as some parents still aren't receiving much information via e-contact.

Action Point

CHW to organize an e-contact email reminder to go on the school website and in the school newsletter to encourage parents to 'opt in' to e-contact reminders.

Parent Event

Clare asked if parents would be interested in getting involved in running an event.

A 'Back to School' evening or an outside event perhaps?

Parents said the 'Back to School' evening sounded favourable, especially as it was so successful last time it was run.

The idea of the evening is for parents to follow a timetable of 'mini' classes being 'taught' by students so they get more of an idea of *what* and *how* their children are learning.

Parents suggested the following promotional ideas:

Website / newsletter / notes in planners / parents to speak to other parents / invitations to Year 6 parents at feeder schools.

Next parents Council Meeting would be on Tuesday 10th May where we could discuss what role any parent helpers would be willing to take on 'front of house'.

Action Point

CHW to speak to student council and subject teachers to gauge interest.

CHW to construct timetables for parents to follow.

CHW to get confirmation of Provisional date: 16 May.

A.O.B

- One parent brought up that not all parents had received their child's Termly Monitoring Grades. Laura explained that there was a delay sending out the Year 9 T.M.G's so the decision was made to include them in the full report Year 9's
Action Point
CHW to speak to Martyn Esau / Jo Taylor and find out dates for TMG's for other Year Groups.
- There was a discussion amongst year 9 parents with regards to the option process and parents evening that is coming up

Raising the profile of the group was once again brought up. Some suggestions were:

- Putting together a small booklet about who we are and what we do (stressing the point we are not to fundraise or make money. We are a 'social side' rather than a committee)

Action Point

CHW to put a template together to show at the next meeting.

- Putting together a board to have on display at events such as Parents Evening / School productions etc which advertises who we are, what we do, what we have achieved and also includes information about next meetings and who to contact.
- Some parents wondered if the Parents 'Council' name put people off (on the website). We often refer to ourselves as the Parents Group so should we make changes to reflect that?

Action Point

CHW to look into changing the name.

Sports Teams

One parent brought up that her son felt quite demotivated that the St Luke's sports team he is on wasn't doing very well.

Both Clare and Laura were very surprised by this as they were under the impression we have a very good sports side that wins a lot!!!

Action Point

CHW to anonymously feedback these feelings to the PE department, find out what successes and failures the teams have had and find out if all students get rewarded for taking part regardless of wins or losses.