

St Luke's Science and Sports College

Parent Council Meeting

9th February 2012

Present: L Jewell (Staff); O Balue (Staff); A Ridgeley; S Gurmani; M Ebbatson; H Gardener; L Dennis; N Jeffery; K Long

Apologies: J Green

Minutes

The minutes from the last meeting were read and checked.
Some details on the charity commission still need to be changed.

St Luke's as a C of E school

One parent questioned our Christian School status & how Christian orientated the school is. She had heard reports from her daughter that students are dis engaged especially from the religious aspect of assemblies. She suggested that perhaps an awakening to world events would be more beneficial.

Action: OB to liaise with Heads of House to review assemblies.

Automated Messages

Parents are extremely pleased with the automated messages they have received via text regarding their child's absence from school.

Suggestions were made to make more use of automated messages (as other schools do) as reminders for things like parents' evenings & parent group meetings or to tell parents that their child was issued a detention or had been entered for exams.

Both OB and LJ thought this sounded like a great idea with huge benefits:

- Cost saving as less paper copies would need to be sent home
- It would guarantee parents are informed as letters sometimes get left in the bottom of school bags!
- It has already proved a success with attendance so why not include other areas into the automated system?!
- Other schools have been using a similar system for years.

Action: LJ to liaise with DH.

Year 9 Options Evenings

Parents commented on the excellent information at the evening and the brilliant brochure. They were also very surprised at how 'clued up' their children were proving that the work they had done in lessons had benefited them however, parents felt slightly un prepared and would have preferred the books and paperwork a little sooner to pre read. They also felt the reports were issued too closely to the parents evening so there wasn't enough time to digest everything but on the whole a good evening.

School Website

It has been noticed that there is out of date information on the school website.

Action: LJ to speak to DHt and get information on school website updated.

Exam Preparation

Whilst talking about the school website parents came up with the idea of having a page on the website dedicated to exams. It could contain a list of exam dates / resources for children to use / revision support etc. As the idea was developing it was decided that the most beneficial thing would be an exam preparation evening at the beginning of Year Ten for parents to come along to and find out exactly what they can do to help support their children and work alongside the school for children to achieve their very best.