

St Luke's Science & Sports College  
Parent Council Meeting

Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> November 2009. 6.30 p.m

Present: Laura Jewell; Clare Hepworth- Wain; Emma Mourant (Parent Support Advisor for Beacon learning community); Heather Gardner; Mr & Mrs Waite; Charmaine Stopforth-Knowles; Robert Hayes; Delia Willingham.

Apologies: Anne Ridgeley; Mandy Ebbatson; Vivianne Arendal.

### Minutes from last meeting

Minutes from 22<sup>nd</sup> September were checked and agreed.

### AGM

It was agreed to postpone the AGM until the next meeting as 2 of the co-signatories were not present (Anne Ridgeley & Cath De Wolf)

### Running an event - Back to school evening

The group discussed running an event and after the success of the last years back to school evening it was agreed that we should run this again. As it takes time to organise we are looking to run this event in the spring term.

### After school - Archery

One of the parents explained to the group that her daughter had been attending the archery club after school but as numbers were increasing people were only getting 3 goes in the hour that they were there. Matt Upston (PE Teacher) is aware and is rectifying the situation along with Richard Bellamy who runs the club.

### Meet the Head

It was suggested that as we have a new Principal starting in January it would be great if we could book a slot with him so he can attend a Parents' Council meeting and give a brief presentation on who he is and what he plans to do for the school. This would be a great way to meet him also to raise the profile for the parents' council.

**Action:** Laura to speak to Joan Fry (Principals PA) and see if we can book him for the next meeting.

### Settling in Evening

Some parents came up with some suggestions for how the settling in evening could be improved. Although on the whole parents were positive about the evening they did feel that some of the content was repeating what they had heard on sampling day. Parents would have also liked more time to speak to Heads of House rather than being in the hall watching the presentation. Some parents asked why Year 7 parents' evening was so late in the school calendar. Clare explained that one of the main reasons it is later in the year is because we need time to get to know students and assess their work and baseline data. Parents suggested that on the settling in evening perhaps

tutors and TA's could be there so parents could at least meet the people working with their children and put a face to a name with regards to Tutors.  
**Action: Clare to bring this up with SLT/ HOH and work towards a solution for next year.**

### Contact

Laura asked parents what is the best way to contact them with regards to the Parents Council meeting and all parents agreed that e mail is fine. Parents asked if there could be more use of e mail or texting.

**Action: Clare to speak to Emma Fry (IT systems manager) to ask about e-contact with parents.**

### Next meeting: *Either Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> or Monday 25<sup>th</sup> January 2010.*

Mark Pinchin (Principal) will be attending our next meeting but we are waiting for him to come back to us on which date he is available.

Confirmation of dates and more details to follow.