

St Luke's Science & Sports College
Parent Council Meeting

Tuesday 12th October 2010. 6.30 p.m

Present: L Jewell; C Hepworth Wain; R Hayes; S Fitzgerald; L Wilson; A Ridgeley; M Ebbatson; H Conway
Apologies: J Davey; M Waite; N Jeffery; C Stopforth Knowles; J Payne Hilton

Introductions

Parents and staff briefly introduced themselves.

AGM

It was decided that the AGM will be held at the end of the next meeting. The Principals details need amending and we need to re elect Treasurer and Secretary as well as find a new candidate for Chair. Some parents have already expressed an interest in this role. If you would like to know more, please speak/e mail Clare Hepworth Wain or Laura Jewell.

Date of Next meeting

Tuesday 30th November starting at 6.30pm in the library. Clare has approached Ms Christopher to see if the Learn To Learn Department would be willing to come along and tell us a bit about the subject. The AGM will happen at the end of the meeting.

Action: CHW/LJ To inform parents and advertise event if L2L department will be at the next meeting.

Outcome: It will be a 'Meet theD & T department' due to other commitments from L2L staff.

Parent Readers

One parent asked if the English Department still require parent readers. Some are willing to help out but cannot always make the hours the Year 7's are being taught in.

If parents are willing to help out, and let the English Department know what times they are available, could something be organised where students are extracted from another lesson/asked to stay behind after school (with the permission of parents)?

Action: CHW to liaise with Emma Britton (Head of English & Media) and feedback to us.

Gifted and Talented

Parents had already given Clare some very positive feedback in relation to the G&T evening which will be passed back to Torsten Payne who coordinates the G&T register and events.

One parent brought up that as a school we do a lot to celebrate the sporting excellence, creative arts and dance but do we do enough to celebrate the science excellence as part of our science and sports specialism?

Some ideas that came up were:

- To carry on the after school science club that Sophie Tucker runs for Y6 students into Years 7, 8 and 9. Something interesting and relevant that is student led to put the fun back into science.
- Some sort of project - perhaps community based.
- A science guest speaker to talk about what science qualifications they gained, what job opportunities it opened up for them and what career they now have. Perhaps students need to know where science can get them?

Action: CHW/LJ to pass this feedback onto the Science Department.

Extra Curricular Activities

Talk of an after school science club brought us on to the topic of extra curricular activities and one parent mentioned that trampolining was not on the sheet or website as an after school activity

Action: LJ to email PE department to make them aware and get trampolining added to extra curricular information.

Year 9 Options

A parent asked about the process of Year 9 students taking options. CHW explained that the subject of option choices will be raised quite early in the year in school so students can start thinking about what they would like to do. Year 9 reports come out on 9th February 2011 and is followed by an Options/parents Evening on February 16th where parents get the opportunity for teacher feedback and advice. There is also a day where Year 9 students come off timetable and get the chance to speak to representatives from Exeter College, Bicton College, various 6th Form Colleges and apprenticeship leaders.

Year 11 Amnesty Talk

Anne Ridgeley has kindly offered to come in and work with the Year 11's to give them talks about the work she does with Amnesty. She is liaising with Wendy Harrison (RE & Citizenship) to arrange a date to come in for the Year 11 assembly. Thanks Anne!!

Next meeting - 'Meet the DT department' (30th November)

Rebecca Dupre, Head of Design & Technology has kindly volunteered to come to the next meeting to talk about the D & T department as the Learn 2 Learn department were not available. She is bringing along samples of work as well as talking to us about the D&T subjects etc. We look forward to Becky's presentation.