

St Luke's Science & Sports College
Parent Council Meeting

Date: 27th January 2009-01-28

Present: J Phelan; C Hepworth Wain; L Jewell; K Norris; V Arendal; C De Wolf; D Willingham; M Roger

Apologies: J Turl; A Ridgely

Presentation of the website

Mike Waller (English teacher & E-Learning Co-Ordinator) and Dave Holt (Assistant Principal Director of Specialism & E-Strategy leader) introduced themselves and gave a presentation of the website.

They showed how user friendly and easy it is to navigate now that the information is more specific and in the appropriate areas, as well as explaining that our school website has been developed and updated by technical support staff within the school. This means information is regularly refreshed and we have complete control over the content and design.

The design has been made more user friendly for parents and students who particularly like the new icon design which is similar to that of the I-phone. The option to look at the letters sent home on the parent > letter to parents page was agreed as a fantastic idea and also the homepage of the website which has the most recent important events.

Overall a very informative demonstration which parents thanked Dave & Mike for.

Communication – Calendar booklets

Julie passed around the new termly calendar booklets which will go out in the first week of every half term. We are sure it will improve the communication to parents/carers and keep them up to date with important curriculum and activity events. For the launch we are posting these calendars home to ensure every parent/carer gets one and we feel positive that every first week of half term thereafter parents will come to expect these from their children who will receive them from their tutor. All information sent home will be backed up on the website too.

Parents agreed it was a great idea and found the website page easy on the eye as each year group is colour coded.

This has happened thanks to the Parent Council telling us what kind of information is helpful for parents and carers and the best way to get it home – so a big thank you for your input!

Talent Show

The talent show which the Parent Council helped provide refreshments for raised a fabulous £190.50! It was agreed that the money will go to the performing arts department.

Everybody who came gave very positive feedback and it was agreed that it opened a door to many parents we don't normally see.

Community Group

Clare introduced the very newly set up Community Group who had their first meeting on Monday 19th Jan. Open to parents, staff and members of our local community to come and discuss projects we would like to get involved in. So far we have arranged a uniform sale for Wednesday 18th March from 3.10 – 4.10pm and are discussing a bigger event (possibly a summer fete) for the future. The next meeting is on Monday 23rd March at 3.45pm in the LRC, you are all welcome to attend if you are part of, or have ideas for our community.

Meet the head

We would like to encourage more parents along to the Parent Council meetings so are going to speak to Terry Hammond to see if he will do an Open Forum "Meet the Head" evening. Hopefully without mentioning the word meeting and by using Terry as an incentive we may drum up more support, especially for parents of lower school students who may not have had this fantastic opportunity before.

Action: Julie to speak to Terry to arrange date for Meet the Head evening

Date of Next Meeting:

To be confirmed when Julie has liaised with Terry