

St Luke's Science & Sports College
Parent Council Meeting

Tuesday 30th November 2010. 6.30 p.m

Present: C Hepworth Wain; L Jewell; D&T Department - Rebecca Dupre;
L Smith; D Hamer: D&T Trainee Teacher; Beacon Learning
Community Parent Support Advisor; A Ridgely; N Jeffery; H
Gardener; L Dennis; M & S Waite;

Apologies: C Knowles; D Willingham

Meet the DT Department

Head of Department Rebecca Dupre introduced members of the team and gave us a really informative presentation about the department, the machinery they use and the curriculum they follow. We got to sample some tasty cookies that had been made by Year 8 students and also looked at some products made using the recycled plastic from the newly acquired 'chipper' which chops up plastic bottles, heats them up again to reform plastic sheeting which can then be used in D&T lessons. Parents then had the opportunity to use the laptop and 2D Design software to create a net of a box which was then cut out using a very impressive piece of kit – the Craft Robo Cutter.

Mrs Dupre touched on where a qualification in D&T can lead & that there is much more to the subject than just 'making things' and parents were very impressed at how many jobs incorporate Design & technology aspects.

A huge thank you from everyone at the meeting to the members of the D&T department that stayed behind !!!

AGM

We held the Annual General Meeting & went through the Statement of Accounts for Oct 2009 – Nov 2010 with Anne Ridgeley & Cath De Wolf remaining as co-signatories. Many thanks to them for keeping our accounts in order all year!!

Anne Ridgeley will be changing the name of the Principal from Terence Hammond to Mark Pinchin when she submits the paperwork.

Officers were (re) elected as follows:

Vivianne Arendal stood down as Chair and was replaced by Mandy Ebbatson

Laura Jewell remains as Secretary

Anne Ridgely remains as Treasurer

E contact

One parent asked if e contact was being used still. If so, it would be good to be alerted of when the newsletter is available to view online as not all parents check the website regularly.

Action: LJ to liaise with Emma Fry (ICT systems manager) to make the suggestion and will feedback to the group at the next meeting.

Next Meeting

Tuesday 1st February 2011 at 6.30pm in the library.

