

**St Roch's Secondary School
Parent Council Meeting
Tuesday 24/02/2015**



Sederent: M Chambers, B Hewitt, F Delury, C Gardiner, W Jones, C Leahy, R McKellar
L McAlindon, J McLaughlin, M Mulligan, S Seeds, A Simpson, S Stone
A Glen (minute)

Apologies: M Bowers, P Boyle, M Mulligan

1.Previous minutes	Agreed: M Chambers & A Simpson	Action
2.Matters Arising	<p>Basketball Hoops – Stephen Stone met with Susan Malloy & Graham Sloan – problems with weight and proximity to windows – safety concerns Group discussed and suggested offering hoops to Royston Youth Action – Frank Delury will contact RYA</p> <p>School Football Pitches – on- going. Stephen has made some enquiries but there are already discussions around this across Education Services and partners and these will continue.</p> <p>School Handbook – almost ready</p> <p>Staffing Stephen met with Collette Bone HR – projected roll slightly down</p> <p>PT Modern Languages – vacancy now filled - Valerie Pellarin (Acting PT) successful after interview</p> <p>PT RE – preparation being made for workforce planning meeting possibly advertise at Easter - appointment possibly August 2015</p> <p>PT Wider Achievement – possibly moving forward with new position to workforce planning meeting appointment - August 2015</p>	FD
3. Employment and Skills Coordinator Introduction	<p>Sue Seeds Employment and Skills Coordinator for the Employment and Skills Partnership Team discussed her new role in the school, the Modern Apprenticeship programme and My World of Work website</p> <p>Sue looking for suggestions from parents on how to raise awareness of the Modern Apprenticeship programme.</p> <p>Group discussed</p> <p>Frank Delury discussed planned new Activity Time programme for S4-S6. S1-S3 will remain with current programme</p>	
4. Correspondence	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • £200 donation to Lourdes Trip – e-mail received from Raquel Taylor & Caitlin Maxell thanking the group for their kind donation • Letter received from Stuart Cameron Expressive Arts - donation for London Trip June 2015 • Letter received from Tommy Donnelly DHT – Donation for 	

	<p>Costa Rica trip June 2016</p> <p>Group discussed and agreed to donate £500 to each trip</p> <p>Family Ceilidh night money to go towards Costa Rica Trip</p> <p>Angie Simpson will liaise with Stuart & Tommy regarding an Area Funding application for both groups</p> <p>Bernadette Hewitt suggested the parent council members could help groups out when they are carrying out fundraising – group agreed to put this forward to Stuart and Tommy</p>	<p>AS/SC/ TD</p> <p>BH</p>
5.SPTC Training Opportunities	<p>Bernadette Hewitt discussed Training events for parent council members and encouraged the group to attend.</p> <p>Previous event cancelled due to adverse weather conditions</p>	
6. School Budget Setting – Feedback	<p>Jamie McLaughlin gave feedback from meeting on Monday 23/02/15 with Ian Robertson Assistant Director – Education budget shortfall of £9 million</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review of EAL staff • School Meals increase to £1.90 • Breakfast Club – possibility of closure • Free Transport Provision review <p>Group discussed</p>	
7. Preparation for Ceilidh	<p>Stuart Cameron has offered to play with his ceilidh band on Tuesday 17/03/15 for the family ceilidh</p> <p>Group discussed - agreed to re-schedule (3 external lets already on Tuesdays) Roseanne will contact Stuart for another date</p> <p>Ann will e-mail group new date when finalised</p> <p>Will discuss details at next meeting on Tuesday 10/03/15</p>	<p>RMcK/ SC</p> <p>AG</p>
8. Communication	<p>Bernadette enquired about current communication from the parent council to the parent body of the school – issues etc</p> <p>Group discussed measures Currently in place – School Website/Twitter feed/Information on school newsletters</p> <p>Jamie suggested the group set up own e-mail address – Parent Council Forum are keen for parent councils to take this forward</p>	
9. Treasury Report	<p>Balance £2000</p>	
	<p>Next meeting scheduled for Tuesday 10/03/15</p> <p>Meeting closed 7.30pm</p>	