

PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL

Dear Parents,

As we mentioned in our communication to you on Monday, and at the last Whole School Meeting, the Trustees are keen to ensure that the energy, skills and commitment of our parent body are fully mobilised in the effort to Save our School. To enable this, working in partnership with the PTFA we have created the

Parent Advisory Council (PAC), the purpose of which is to:

Assist the School's leadership in its effort to save the school, and

Coordinate parent ideas, efforts and activities in regards to all initiatives related to saving the school.

The PAC is an answer to parents with specific capabilities and some spare time being prepared to help out in the effort to save the school from closing, as well as thrive in the future. It is intended as a structure to initiate and coordinate these activities. The idea is for specific Groups focusing on areas to operate under the umbrella of the PAC, each with a direct Trustee liaison. The chairs of those Groups will meet, together with PTFA chairs, to ensure all parent activities are aligned and coordinated.

Many parents have already generously come forward offering support. The leadership of the School would encourage all parents who have specific skills relevant to the initially formed Groups and who would like to help in the effort to contact the Group leaders (contact details below). For your information, each Group leader was selected by the Trustees and SMT, in consultation, and were chosen based on their areas of particular expertise, and passion for RSSKL.

The initially formed Groups are:

OUTREACH GROUP: This Group will be co-chaired by Martha Dunlop and David Wachs. The focus is on coordinating all outreach and external or public efforts to support the Save our School campaign. This includes activities like mobilising alumni, engaging stakeholders about the School, organising events, creating content for the School's campaign, and providing advice on the School's public relations. Peter Harrington will be the trustee liaison for this Group. Martha and David can be reached on marthadunlop@gmail.com and david.wachs@lrgmedia.net.

FUNDRAISING GROUP: This Group will be co-chaired by Keely Siddiqui Charlick and Adam Norsworthy and is an evolution of the 'Project Group'. The immediate focus of this Group will be on fundraising for expenses directly related to Saving our School and the recovery of the School, such as legal expenses and other expenses related to staffing, training and capacity building. Once these priorities are met the focus can turn to helping the school thrive with improved facilities. Reinout Koopmans will be the trustee liaison for this Group. Keely and

Adam can be contacted via e-mail: keely@sunnysideruraltrust.org.uk and adam@stargliderltd.com respectively.

PTFA: The Co-Chairs of the PTFA, Annie Marcuson and Annabel Sampson will be on the PAC, as the School's liaison for all other parent initiatives. There is obviously scope for parents to take individual initiatives of various kinds at all times, but it will be important for the School to be aware of what initiatives are being considered or launched, and to encourage the communication of a coordinated message.

Though ultimately these initiatives are the responsibility of the parents taking them, the School's leadership encourages the coordination of any such independent initiatives through the PTFA (Annie and Annabel). Jacob Tas, class 10 parent, will be the trustee liaison for this Group.

Annabel and Annie are offering a surgery drop-in session in the first week of term, times to follow, and continuing regularly whilst there is a need for it. They can also be contacted via ptfa@rsskl.org. Please allow a few days for response during the holiday period.

Further Groups can be formed as the need arises and parents come forward with proposals. Suggestions should be in the first instance be directed to the Chair of Trustees, Peter Harrington (peterha@rsskl.org).

Kind regards,
Peter Harrington
Chair, on behalf of the Trustees