**Parent Council Minutes**

The approved minutes from the August, September and October Parent Council meetings are now available to view on the web-site.

**Christmas Market**

The Christmas Market will be held on Thursday 28th November in the Academy. It takes an entire team of helpers to make these nights the success that they always are. If any parents, carers, grandparents, friends or family members are available to help with the set-up in the afternoon or for a couple of hours on the night then please let Elaine or me know. Reply to the PC email [***Stewarton.acad.pc@gmail.com***](mailto:Stewarton.acad.pc@gmail.com) or Elaine’s at [***elaine.smithy@googlemail.com***](mailto:elaine.smithy@googlemail.com) or call/text me on 07910814975. Ideally the night time helpers would be available from 5:30pm onwards and the afternoon helpers from 2pm.

**Parental Engagement**

As a means of improving visibility of the Parent Council and its role and responsibilities within the School, we’ve developed a one-page summary of activities. This also includes the financial support to the various departments and projects to benefit all of the young people attending Stewarton Academy.

***Stewarton Parents Info on a Page.***

**Extra-Curricular Funding**

A bid has been approved to cover the annual cost of transport for PE extra-curricular activities. This is inclusive for all pupils taking part and will mean that parent/carers do not have to pay for transport when they are representing the school or participating in PE events. The financing of these trips will cost £3000 and the cost will be split 50/50 between the school fund and parent council fund-raising.

This represents an inclusive and consistent approach towards pupils taking part in PE extra-curricular activities, could potentially increase participation levels in physical activities which has various well documented potential benefits for all the young people of Stewarton Academy.

**Parent Forum Communications**

From now on most of the information from the Parent Council will be in the School web-site under the ***Parents*** tab. The School App will be used to notify Parents of meetings, sub-group meetings, fund raising and social activities with the detail in the web-site location. Attached is the flyer for the App and we encourage all parents and carers to download this. The hope is that the PC can reach a greater number of parents and carers through this approach to communication. The email address [***Stewarton.acad.PC@gmail.com***](mailto:Stewarton.acad.PC@gmail.com)is still in use also as required. If you need any help with this get in touch with the school or anyone from the parent council.