**Holy Family Community School Parents Council**

**Minutes of Meeting**

**5th October 2020**

**Attendees**Jane Ferrie, Collette Goodwin, Irina Bereznystska, Maria Millington, Marie Smyth,

Eithne Madden, Mary Clarke, Anna Murphy, Sara Arienti, Derek Maher, Liam Ferguson, Deborah McDermott, Denise O'Keeffe, Alma Egonia, Erica Sancho, Josephine Manning, Renelle Smout.

**Apologies**          Thomas Hall, Elaine Durney, Sinead Ni Alluin, Fiona Prendiville,

 Collette Reilly

**Agenda**- The agenda for the meeting was adopted (Proposed by Irina Bereznystska and seconded by Maria Millington.

**Minutes**- Minutes of the last meeting were agreed, proposed by Colette Goodwin and seconded by Mary Clarke.

**Treasurers Report**

Collette stated that there was €857 in the account. Colette stated that €3,500 had gone towards the water dispensers. Colette to forward report. It was stated that the Parents’ Council have their own bank account but Elaine (school secretary) gets statements.

**Correspondence**

Deborah Mac Dermott to update committee on any correspondence.

**AGM**

The proposed date of the 15th of October was ruled out as not feasible. A new date of the 10th of November was put forward as an alternative. Jane Ferrie to confirm with the speaker, Michael Ryan (Psychotherapist), that he would be available on this date at 7pm. Denise O’ Keeffe agreed to send out zoom link to parents. Denise said that she would also look into promoting the AGM on the screens in the school. Denise suggested to follow Michael Ryan on Facebook as you can view his talks on lockdown on that platform. Jane said that Michael is happy to use his Zoom account as the free account limits the number to 100 people. Jane confirmed that Michael Ryan would generate a link and forward in onto the committee.

**Election of Officers**

 Normally election of officers takes place after the AGM but this year there is

 exceptional circumstances as we no longer have a chairperson. It was agreed that

 the elections would proceed. The following officers were elected.

* Chairperson - Jane Ferrie (proposed Marie Smyth & seconded Deborah Mac Dermott).
* Vice Chairperson – Marie Smyth (proposed Mary Clarke & seconded Sara Arienti).
* Secretary – Deborah Mac Dermott (proposed Irina Bereznystska & seconded Maria Millington).
* Vice Secretary – Anna Murphy (proposed Collette Goodwin & seconded Mary Clarke).
* Treasurer – Colette Goodwin (proposed Deborah Mac Dermott & seconded Mary Clarke).
* Vice Treasurer – Collette Reilly (proposed Sara Arienti & seconded Colette Goodwin).

**Fundraising ideas**

* It was agreed that the annual bag packing could not go ahead as planned.
* Jane suggested we look at a virtual fundraiser and that idonate might be a suitable platform although they take 4% commission. The committee have 2 raffle prizes, hoover donated by Miele and Unilever hamper. Anna & Deborah to forward photo to the committee of same.
* GofundMe platform was also suggest although they are not raffle orientated but that if there is some specific requirement for the school that the committee would look into this option at a future date. Anna Murphy suggested the virtual mini marathon in October might also be an option.
* Denise O’ Keeffe suggested that with one eye on the lockdown the committee could look at purchasing tablets for students and supply them to students on a rental basis. The 30 that the school had in stock have been given out to pupil that have a requirement for them.
* Deborah Mac Dermott suggested that the committee could look at something that would have more general appeal to all students. It was suggested that some of the cost of surface treatment of desks/surfaces could be part funded by the fundraising activities of the committee as this process would have to be repeated in January and is very costly. A PPE grant had been given by DOE which covered sanitizing gel etc.
* Jane Ferrie suggested that the committee could look at running a Christmas raffle.

**Deputy Principal's Report**

* Denise welcomed Liam Ferguson & Derek Maher, the two new Deputy Principals to the school. She also thanked Brenda Kelly (former Principal), Christy Morrin (former Deputy Principal) and Peggy Dempsey (former teacher) for their many years of service.
* Denise commended the students on their discipline within the school for maintaining the use of masks. She said she had encouraged the students to keep their social distancing when going to the village during lunch time and to keep their masks on. She continued that mask break were encouraged during the week but students were to keep their 2m distancing and that this was supervised by a teacher. The students were allowed to take their masks off whilst eating their lunch.
* All other information included in attached Deputy Principal Report.

**AOB**

* Denise O’ Keeffe said that a contingency plan for online learning was in place where teachers upload work and send it to students email accounts. Some live streaming was also in place for students at high risk.
* Deborah Mac Dermott suggested that Denise could relate this information to parents as many students will be out for various reasons at a higher rate than previous years.
* Denise confirmed that incoming students could avail of a flexible, interest free payment system to cover the cost of Wriggle platform and tablet.

**Next meeting** - **AGM 10th November at 7pm**

**Proposed by:- \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

 **Seconded by:- \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_     Dated\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**