

## Holy Family Community School – Parents' Association

### Annual General Meeting – 10<sup>th</sup> November 2020

1. Jane Ferrie, Chairperson, welcomed everybody to the virtual AGM hosted by Zoom.
2. The agenda was adopted (proposed by Anna Murphy, seconded by Sara Arienti).
3. Deborah Mac Dermott, secretary, read the minutes from last year's AGM which were agreed (proposed by Collette Goodwin, seconded by Elaine Durney).
4. Collette Goodwin, Treasurer, presented the financial report and agreed (proposed by Renelle Smout, seconded by Marie Smyth). Collette stated that there was €714 left in the account after monies were transferred to the school for water fountains, exam pen readers, portable microphone, a donation to wellness week as well as insurance, speakers, miscellaneous expenses and bank fees.
5. Jane presented her Chairperson's report. She outlined the following;
  - Parents are automatically member of Parents' Association. The Parents' council are elected members of the parents' Association and are effectively the voice through which the parents can communicate or become involved with the school.
  - Although fundraising is significant role, other functions of PC include input into school policies and hosting information meetings for parents.
  - Last year a number of talks were organized such as *Preventing Drug & Alcohol Problems in Teenager*, *Communicating with your Teenager around their Cyber World* as well as a display by the Regional Drug & Alcohol Force of replica drugs.
  - Meetings are typically held once a month and are 1-1.5hrs long.
  - Jane explained that our traditional bag packing in Dunnes City West would not go ahead as planned this year due to Covid 19 restrictions. Jane also mentioned that the corporate funding planned had also been effected by Covid 19. So the committee at looking at holding an online Christmas raffle and a go fund me page to help with the additional requirement requested by the school that is not covered by the Department of Education.
    - More information on the Parents' Council can be found on the school website including an email address to contact the committee. Also a HFCS Parents' Council page will give current information on all activities.
6. All new members were invited to give their names and contact details. This motion was proposed by Deborah Collins and seconded by Sara Arienti.

7. Ingrid Fallon, Principal of HFCS, welcomes all the parents that attended the virtual meeting and encouraged all parents to become involved in the PC. She said that she hoped to increase footfall into the school and to improve community involvement with the school. She thanked the committee for their contribution to the school especially for the additional source of funding which could be evidenced on a daily basis throughout the school. She continued that the contactless water fountains had been especially significant to minimizing the risk of Covid 19.
8. Jane informed the group that the first PA meeting is to be held on the 1st of December at 7pm. She introduced the guest speaker, Michael Ryan and he presented his talk on *How Families Survive the Teenage Years*.

Proposed By \_\_\_\_\_ Seconded By \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_