

Holy Family Community School Parents Council
Minutes of Meeting
11.1.201

Attendees Jane Ferrie, Fiona Prendeville, Colette Goodwin, Josephine Manning, Mary Clarke, Renelle Smout, Deborah Mac Dermott, Marie Smyth, Sinead Ni Alluin, Antoinette O' Reilly, Derek Maher (DP), Liam Ferguson (DP), Anna Murphy, Eithne Madden, Erica Sancho, Labib Daloub, Alma Egonia

Apologies Maria Millington, Thomas Hall, Irina Bereznytska, Denise O'Keeffe, Elaine Durney, Josephine Manning

Agenda- The agenda for the meeting was adopted (Proposed by Renelle Smout and seconded by Fiona Prendeville)

Minutes- Minutes of the last meeting were agreed (Proposed by Renelle Smout and seconded by Anna Murphy)

Treasurers Report

Collette stated that the collection buckets in Dunnes Stores raised ~€160 which she would lodge in the coming week. She continued that the Gofundme account required a company registration number to complete money transfer. Liam to liaise with Elaine & Colette regarding same. A total of €1,603 had been raised using the Gofundme page which was a great amount for relatively little effort. Jane stated that we should share the page again in February. Jane stated she had a contact for paint to use on the benches and Deborah stated that she may have contact for metal benches that would not require painting.

Correspondence

No further correspondence.

Digital Learning

- Jane stated that she had been in contact with Ingrid Fallon and that any parent that had individual issues should contact the school directly.
- Deborah stated that she had been in contact with the National Parents Council post primary (NPCpp) and they had explained that ad digital learning was a whole school concern that it was appropriate that it could be discussed at the committee meeting.
- Marie requested that if there was an issue with the student not returning work could the school contact the parent sooner and that the communication could be directed towards the parent rather than the student.
- Derek suggested that the parents should familiarise themselves with ePortal to keep an eye on their child's work and any comments regarding same.
- The question was raised if the digital learning platform was adequate especially for Leaving Cert students and would it allow them to sit their LC in June. Derek stated that the school were a lot better prepared for this lockdown. All teachers had been supplied with devices to allow digital learning to occur as well as iPad pencils which were a great addition.
- Concern was raised about the orals which were only a number of weeks away. Deborah asked did the DPs think the mock exams would go ahead. They stated that the situation was uncertain at the moment. They stated that there was certainty a merit to sitting the mock exams and that it gives the students the experience of sitting the LC and the benefits of same. However if they were not going ahead it would be 2 additional weeks of teaching that would be used to catch up on material.
- Deborah asked if the LC did not go ahead and if predicted grades were used again this year would the school have sufficient material given that the 6th years had only say 2 exams since 5th year. The DPs stated that the teachers would use other material if predicted grades were used and that many teachers were setting assignments / essays to cover that eventuality.
- Jane asked if the draft eLearning Digital Policy that was on the school website would come to the PC for approval. It was stated that it had just come before the BOM at previous meeting.
- There was general satisfaction among parents of PC that the first day of online teaching had gone very well. There was general agreement that the students had a structured day and that direct teaching had been used with the majority of teachers using either live or recorded sessions.

Deputy Principal's Report

- The Christmas results had been uploaded onto ePortal

- The JC results had also been distributed.

Next meeting - Monday 8th Feb at 7pm

Proposed by:- _____

Seconded by:- _____ **Dated** _____