

Holy Family Community School Parents Council
Minutes of Meeting
8.2.21

Attendees Jane Ferrie, Fiona Prendeville, Denise O'Keefe, Colette Goodwin, Irina Bereznytska, Josephine Manning, Mary Clarke, Deborah Collins, Mary O' Leary, Maria Millington, Elaine Durney, Alma Egonia Erica Sancho, Antoinette O'Reilly, Sinead Ni Alluin.

Apologies John McGrillen, Eithne Madden, Marie Smyth, PJ, Thomas Hall, Collette Reilly, Renelle Smout, Anna Murphy.

Agenda- The agenda for the meeting was adopted (Proposed by Colette Goodwin and seconded by Maria Millington)

Minutes- Minutes of the last meeting were agreed (Proposed by Fiona Prendeville and seconded by Antoinette O' Reilly).

Treasurers Report

Colette informed the committee that €1540 from the Gofundme account had been transferred into the account and that there was over €2K in the account.

Correspondence

No further correspondence.

Fundraising ideas

- It was suggested that we could look at using the Gofundme as a vehicle to fund raise in the immediate future. A query was asked if we could change the name of the Gofundme page if we were doing a different event. It was agreed that online fundraising was the best proposal at present as many people are online. Jane mentioned that we need to keep sharing the Gofundme page on Facebook. Jane to send details of Gofundme page to Denise and that the school would share that link.
- Jane mentioned that she had a contact in Fleetwood paints that would supply paint at reasonable price which could be used to paint the outdoor benches. Deborah stated that the steel benches that had been suggested were €675 Ex Vat and therefore probably would not be an option due to their expense.
- An Easter raffle was suggested with prizes of the Miele Hoover, Unilever hamper along with other prizes being purchased for the raffle. The raffle tickets could be sold on iDonate. It was suggested that the raffle should be held at the beginning of April.
- Sinead Ni Alluin & Colette Goodwin volunteered to organise raffle.

Deputy Principal's Report

- See DP report attached

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- A question was asked to Denise O' Keeffe if she had any idea when the schools would re-open. Denise replied that lockdown level 5 ends on the 5th of March and that she imagined there would be a phased re-opening of schools. However the school had no confirmation from the department.
- Denise was also asked if the mocks were likely to be held. Denise replied that no decision could be made at present but that if the mocks were not held the students would benefit from additional tuition time although she believed that there was a benefit for the students sitting the mocks in that they got to experience the exam situation.
- Denise suggested that every student doing state exams this year should do every assignment to the best of their ability.

Next meeting - AGM Monday 8th March at 7pm

Proposed by:- _____

Seconded by:- _____ **Dated** _____

Deputy Principal's Report

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- Levels of engagement in online learning is excellent. Students and staff are very happy with how things have been going. The Senior Management Team have received a large number of supportive calls and emails from parents and students alike, expressing their gratitude to the teachers for their wonderful work during this period of remote learning.
- The most recent edition of the school newsletter was published on the website last week. In it are some examples of the excellent work being done during remote teaching and learning.
- In the newsletter is also the great news that two of our students from LC class 2020 received the Entrance Exhibition Award in Trinity College Dublin. One student is studying medicine and the other is studying genetics. This award is given to students who exceed 500 points in the LC (both these students exceeded 600 points).
- A number of links to webinars hosted by a variety of organisations have been posted on the website. These webinars are a support to parents at this time.
- The school's Wellbeing pack is presented to all students every Wednesday. It is also posted on the website for parents. Lots of helpful advice and guidance in it to support student wellbeing.
- The Design Our School Dialann competition deadline is February 26th. Details in the newsletter.
- A live presentation evening takes place at 6pm on Monday 8th February for the parents of incoming First Years.
- Our school has been linking in on a regular basis with the feeder primary schools. The students in TY, along with Mr Fiorentini did a reading of a classic novel for them and sent gift packs to the schools before Christmas.
- The Draft of the school's Anti Bullying Policy is attached for your members to look over. It will be brought to the Board of Management at the next Board Meeting in March.
- The school's Internet Cookies Policy is also attached. It was passed by the BOM at the last meeting. (Standard legal requirement).

Denise O'Keeffe