

**Holy Family Community School Parents Council**  
**Minutes of Meeting**  
**8.3.21**

**Attendees** Jane Ferrie, Colette Goodwin, Irina Bereznytska, Josephine Manning, Derek Maher, Anna Murphy, Mary Clarke, Deborah Mac Dermott, Mary O' Leary, Maria Millington, Erica Sancho, Antoinette O'Reilly, Sinead Ni Alluin, Renelle Smout, Eithne Madden, Liam Ferguson.

**Apologies** Marie Smyth, PJ Manning, Denise O'Keefe, Elaine Durney, Alma Egonia, Elizabeth Kelly.

**Agenda-** The agenda for the meeting was adopted (Proposed by Anna Murphy & seconded by Antoinette O' Reilly)

**Minutes-** Minutes of the last meeting were agreed (Proposed by Antoinette O' Reilly and seconded by Irina Bereznytska).

**Treasurers Report**

Colette informed the committee that €1,948.40 from the Gofundme account had been transferred into the account for the outdoor benches.

**Correspondence**

No further correspondence.

**Fundraising**

- The Easter raffle organised by Sinead & Colette has already reached €1510 on the night of the meeting. Sinead kindly donated one of the hampers. It was agreed by the DPs that a reminder text would go out to all parents on the week of the raffle. Also year heads would let the students know. Liam said he would share at tutor time. The DPs agreed that the link could be put up on the school website. And all members were asked to share on Facebook. Raffle to be held the 26<sup>th</sup> of March and funds can be drawn down after raffle. Sinead & Colette offered to deliver the prizes after the raffle.
- It was agreed that a Christmas raffle could be organised using the same format as iDonate.ie was relatively easy to set up.
- The school put in a request that some of the money from the Easter raffle could go towards a polytunnel and used to grow fruit & vegetables. The cost of same plus topsoil & seeds would be ~€1,500. Liam explained that the transition year's students would use, as would the LCA horticultural students. Home economic students would use the produce and business students would be able to sell some of the cakes & produce so many student groups would benefit from the project. The poly tunnel is relatively mobile & could be moved when the new school is being built.

**Deputy Principal's Report**

- See DP report attached
- Liam explained that for the LC students that the accredited grades plus the option to sit the LC was a good opportunity as they could take the better result.
- Liam related that the JC students will not sit the JC but that the school will have their own assignments and the students will be issued with a school certificate.
- Liam related that there was high participation levels for 1<sup>st</sup> year information meeting for incoming students. There is a limit of 182 students and a waiting list.

**Policies**

- Anti-bullying policy was circulated & agreed upon by Parents' Council
- Data Protection Policy- Liam to forward to Parents' Council. This update is required due to accredited grades.

**AOB**

- Monday 15<sup>th</sup> March School closed
- Derek reported that the new school building is in its final stage before going to tender. The tender stage could take 3-6months.
- A query was asked in regards of the ePayment scheme. There is a €2.20 fee on each transaction and the Primary School has no fee. The DPs said they would look into the matter.

**Next meeting - AGM Monday 19<sup>th</sup> April at 7pm**

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

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

## Parents' Council Meeting 08/03/21 - Deputy Principal's Report

- Return of 6<sup>th</sup> Year students – Students returned on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> of March, students seem very happy to be back and are very engaged with their classwork. Tea, coffee and chocolate been given at breaktime. Teachers also delighted to be back.
- Phased return of all other students – 5<sup>th</sup> Year students to return on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> of March with all other students returning after the Easter holidays.
- Leaving Cert 2021 – Assembly for students and parents has taken place and the different options has been explained. Further assembly to take place on Wednesday Exam Portal for students to register. A number of circulars have been issued in regards to Leaving Cert 2021.
- Junior Cert 2021 – Examinations have been cancelled. We are still waiting information from the DES.
- Online learning - Engagement levels remain excellent and we continue to receive positive feedback.
- Policies - Anti Bullying and Data Protection Policy
- 1<sup>st</sup> Year Information Evening took place on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> of February
- Seactain na Gaeilge ar siúl faoi láthair. Tá na múinteoirí ag eagrú imeachtaí eagsúla le na daltaí.
- Reception makeover!
- Year Group assemblies
- JCT Cluster day – Monday 15<sup>th</sup> of March. School will be closed this day for all students.