

## Holy Family Community School Parents Council

### Minutes of Meeting

Parents Council Meeting Monday 27<sup>th</sup> January 7pm

#### Attendees, Apologies, No Response:

**16 Attendees, 27 Apologies, 37 no response**

Name	Meeting 27/1/2025	16 Attendees
Ann Marie Moran	Attended	Parents Council Member
Breege McTigue Carney	Attended	PC Officer
Carmel Keegan	Attended	Parents Council Member
David McGuirk	Attended	PC Officer
Deborah McCardle	Attended	Parents Council Member
Denise O'Keeffe	Attended	Deputy Principal
Geraldine McConville	Attended	Parents Council Member
Jennifer White	Attended	Parents Council Member
Jill Coffey	Attended	Parents Council Member
Liz Forde	Attended	Parents Council Member
Maria Millington	Attended	Parents Council Member
Niamh Farrell	Attended	Parents Council Member
Sarah Tighe	Attended	Parents Council Member
Sharon O'Reilly	Attended	PC Officer
Sinead Maye	Attended	PC Officer
Rita Emmanuel	Attended	Parents Council Member

Name	Meeting 27/1/2025
Anna Murphy	Apologies
Annette Daly	Apologies
Antoinette O'Reilly	Apologies
Aoife Brady	Apologies
Beata Budziejewska	Apologies
Collette Reilly (Sheridan)	Apologies
Dr. Absede Ayeni	Apologies
Edel Mullen	Apologies
Egle Tiskuvieni	Apologies
Elaine Carroll	Apologies
Eliza Jane Branning	Apologies
Elizabeth Kelly	Apologies
Erica Sancho	Apologies
Geraldine Hogan	Apologies
Iowna Flood	Apologies
Josephine Manning	Apologies

Name	Meeting 27/1/2025
Liz Moraghan	Apologies
Lorraine Honan	Apologies
Louise O'Brien	Apologies
Lyndsey Baxter	Apologies
Marie Smyth	Apologies
Mark Byrne	Apologies
Martina Madden	Apologies
Mary Clarke	Apologies
Niall Molloy	Apologies
Sorcha Heffernan	Apologies
Tricia Mulligan	Apologies
Wendy McDonnell	Apologies

#### Agenda:

- The agenda for the meeting was adopted & filed:
  - Proposed: Sinead Maye
  - Seconded: David McGuirk

#### Minutes:

- Minutes of the last meeting to be filed & agreed at next meeting
  - Proposed: Sinead Maye
  - Seconded: Sharon O'Reilly

#### **Parents' Council Meeting Minutes**

#### **Treasurer's Report:**

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| • <b>Balance as of November 2024:</b>    | €3,981.44        |
| • <b>Bank Charges:</b>                   | (€15.10)         |
| • <b>iDonate – Christmas Draw:</b>       | €3,660.96        |
| • <b>Balance as of January 27, 2025:</b> | <b>€7,627.30</b> |

### Correspondence:

- Megan Ring (Music Teacher) reached out regarding volunteers for the school musical *Mary Poppins* on February 26th, 27th, and 28th.
  - The Parents' Council agreed to donate €200 to buy prizes, with a suggestion from the to purchase One4All vouchers.
  - Thank you to everyone who has volunteered so far! If anyone else is interested, please feel free to send a WhatsApp message or email to the Parents Council.
- Teide O'Brien shared details by email on the ***Mirror Mirror Project***, an initiative where students teach other students their methods of learning. (Further details in a separate document.)

### Fundraising Updates:

- **Non-Uniform Day:** Scheduled for March 12th. The Council requested a simultaneous collection of the €2 donation from students via the usual cash collection method and if the money is forgotten on the day parents can pay through the new Payzone payment system on the school website.
- **Easter Raffle:** The next fundraising event. Parents' Council will contribute Easter eggs for the raffle as per previous years, which will run from 2<sup>nd</sup> April, with the draw on 16<sup>th</sup> April. Volunteers will be needed to deliver the prizes to the winners. Sharon will design a poster to promote the event.

### Deputy Principal Report:

- **Website Payment System:** The school has launched a new, improved payment system with Payzone.

Tickets for the school musical will be available through the portal, and the receipt will serve as the entry ticket for the event.
- **TY School Ski Trip:** The recent ski trip was a great success, with both students and teachers enjoying the experience. Special thanks were given to the teachers for their care and supervision during the trip.
- **Mock Exams:** Taking place from February 4th–14th for 3rd and 6th-year students.
  - Procedures for Mock Exams will be shared with parents via VSware.

TY students will be on work experience during this time.
- **Senior Cycle Subject Choice Event:** Scheduled for 31<sup>st</sup> January where senior cycle students will provide feedback and give advice on their subject choices for the Leaving Cert. Subject selection will be available after the mock exams, with updates shared via VSware.
- **2025/2026 Dialann Art Competition:** A design competition for the front cover of next year's *Dialann*. Further details to be shared soon.

**Any Other Business (AOB):**

- The Parents' Council offered to support the purchase of SumUp machines for the school. The DP will review this and provide an update at the next meeting.
- The school calendar for 2025/2026 is pending, as school are awaiting dates from the Department of Education. DP mentioned the earliest the school could reopen would be 21/22 August 2025, for parents planning summer holidays and avoiding missing the first day back.
- Parent Council discussed potential changes to meeting dates in March/April and May. Updates will be provided in the next meeting.
- The Parent Council requested help connecting with the Student Council. DP will discuss and share contact information after the Mock Exams.

**Next meeting:**

**To be confirmed (March), as there's a big gap before the next scheduled meeting on Monday, 7<sup>th</sup> April, 2025 – via Zoom– ZOOM**

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

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