

Holy Family Community School Parents Council

Minutes of Meeting

Parents Council Meeting Wednesday 5th November

Attended Zoom	Apologies on WhatsApp
Ann Marie Moran	Alexandra Byrne
Antoinette O'Reilly	Alison Fogarty
Beata Budziejewska	Andrea Roche
Breege McTigue Carney	Barbara Lesson
Celine McCabe	Barbara Collins
Cristina Coleman	Ceira Redmond
David McGuirk	Clodagh McCormack
Fiona Banks Jordan	Egle Tiskuviene
Gema Gallego	Elizabeth Kelly
Geraldine McConville	Erica Sancho
Iowna Flood	Georgina Graham
Jennifer White	Geraldine Hogan
Linda McMahon	Josephine Manning
Lisa Lowry	Louise Doyle
Niamh Farrell	Martina Madden
Rita Emmanuel	Marilynn Murphy
Sarah Tighe	Sandra Donovan
Sharon O'Reilly	Sendra Hayes
Sinead Maye	Tricia Mulligan
Treasa Daly	
Wendy Byrne	

Agenda:

- The agenda for the meeting was adopted & filed:
 - Proposed: Antoinette O'Reilly
 - Seconded: Sharon O'Reilly

Minutes:

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

Parents' Council Minutes

Treasurer's Report:

- Balance on 5th November **€1,602.68** -No income or expenditure since last meeting

Correspondence:

The Parents' Council received responses from **Emer Higgins, Eoin O'Brion, Tom Feeney, and Paul Gogarty**, confirming that they would raise the matter through Parliamentary Questions. Our email was acknowledged by the department of Education/Minister Helen McEntee's office but no further response..

We have since received the following response regarding our query about the absence of hand dryers in the new school from Emer Higgins, Eoin O'Brion and Tom Feeney.

"The large scale capital project at the school referred to by the Deputy is at Architectural Planning Stage 4 – Construction.

The project brief for the Major Project at Holy Family Community School includes the Demolition of the existing school and the phased construction of a three storey 1,000 pupil Community School with Special Education Needs Unit and PE Hall.

The Department of Education and Youth's School Design Guide - SDG 02-06 Sanitary Facilities states that the provision for hand drying facilities shall be paper towel or cotton/linen towels. Electric hand dryers are not permitted. The sanitary facilities should have adequate space for disposable hand towel dispensers and a refuse bin for the disposal of paper towels.

The Department of Education and Youth have an ongoing policy of updating and improving its suite of Technical Guidance Documents / School Design Guides (TGDs / SDGs) for schools with a view to offering better guidance to school authorities and Design Teams.

The Department of Education and Youth has undertaken extensive review exercises of recently built schools. Lessons learnt incorporating feedback from schools and international best practice has resulted in the formation of our guidelines."

Fundraising Initiatives:

The Parents' Council officially launched the Lotto Fundraising Initiative at the meeting. The first draw will take place on **Thursday, 27th November** — <https://www.ourfundraiser.ie/org/hfcs>.

The Parents' Council has requested that the initiative be shared within parent WhatsApp groups and that all social media posts promoting it be reshared on individual pages to help spread awareness.

The Parents Council have also requested **prizes** to encourage sign-ups for the new fundraiser, which can be used as part of the weekly draws.

Posters are currently being printed and will be displayed throughout the community, and an **A0 banner** will be placed outside the front of the school to promote the initiative.

A brief summary of the lotto initiative is provided below:

- Weekly Draw – Every Thursday (runs for 52 weeks)
- 1 Line €2.50 / 2 Lines €4 / 3 Lines €5
- Monthly auto renewal/opt out
- Jackpot – €500, will review at future meetings.
- Weekly Prize €20 – Guaranteed winner

Deputy Principal Report

Report attached with minutes.

Next meeting:

Zoom Meeting on Monday 9th February. 2025, at 7pm

Proposed by: - _____

Seconded by: - _____ **Dated** _____