

Parents Association AGM Meeting Minutes

Date: 4th Oct 2018

Attendees:

Ger Symth; Mariagean Geary; Audrey Dillon; Anne Hopswood; Suzanne O'Connell; Irene Lowe; Keelin Allen; Anne-Marie Bermingham; Joyce Healy; Natal Carrol; Sharon F Moloney; Louise Moriarty; Lesley Goode; Anita Moloney; John Madden; Rachel McNamara; Hazel McNamara; Aisling Murphy; Caroline Marshall; Brid Ryan; Lorna Millea; S. Darcy; Martin O'Regan.

Apologies:

Catriona Fitzgerald Clancy; Pauline Gaffney; Karen Williamson; Audrey Considine

Ger Symth (Joint Chairperson) - Opening comments

- Joint Chairperson Ger Symth opened the meeting by welcoming everyone and thanking them for their attendance.
- She then introduced the officers of the committee.

Election of Officers 2018/2019

- Since all existing officers were willing to continue in their roles and as there were no objections or interested candidates all were deemed re-elected for the coming year.
- Ger Symth & Audrey Dillon (Joint Chairs), Anne Hopswood (Treasurer) and Mj Geary (Secretary).

Mj Geary (Secretary) – Minutes Adopted AGM 2017

- Mj Geary (Secretary) called for a proposer of the AGM minutes (10/10/17). These minutes were made available on line the week preceeding the meeting. Since there were no queries or objections the minutes were adopted having been proposed by Natal Carrol and seconded by Irene Lowe.

Anne Hopswood (Treasurer) – Financial report 2017/2018

- We pay membership to the national Parents Association.
- We provide the refreshments for the hospitality events in the school.
- We also have yearly insurance which covers us for holding events such as the School Walk.
- All other monies raised are put towards whatever the current fund raising initiative is.
- We currently have aproximately 400 euros in our account. This is the parents association account which is distinct from any fundraising which goes directly to the school.

Parents Association AGM Meeting Minutes

Ger Symth (Joint Chairperson) - Address

- Ger Symth continued the meeting by stressing the need for new blood to help out as hers and a number of the committee members association with the school would be coming to an end shortly.
- Ger then went on to outline some of the workings of the association. Starting with her, and Audrey Dillon (Joint Chairperson), meeting with Mr Ruane monthly to review the news letter and any other relevant business.
- The committee then meet once a month to discuss and plan up coming hospitality events and fundraising.
- The Parents associations only source of income is the school calendar. The monies raised from this provide the refreshments for the hospitality events throughout the year. Generally these are the first communion, confirmation, graduation and new junior infants events. In addition any other event which may occur during the year which we are asked to help at.
- In relation to fundraising we hold annual clothes recycling event, xmas cards, the school walk, colours days and a number of bake sales.
- Any money raised goes towards whatever project is underway at the school. This year the project is the Outdoor areas and the new sensory room. The sensory room will be finished in the coming month or so. The vegetable gardens and sensory gardens are due to start soon.
- Ger finished by inviting anyone who would be interested in helping out to sign the sheet at the back of the room.

AOB

- Niamh Cooney addressed the floor to voice her appreciation for the Parents Associaion and all they do throughout the year in a voluntary capacity. This was meet with a round of applause! *Thank you Niamh!!*

Ger then handed the meeting over to Jackie from Zeeko_Education who spoke to parents on the topic of Cyber bullying.

Mr Ruane (Principal)

- Following the Cyber bullying talk Mr Ruane said a few words. He opened his comments by thanking Jackie for her talk tonight and her time in the school during the week. In the past year or two there have been a limited number of cyber bullying incidences. All have been resolved but we need to be vigilant.
- He then went on to remind the parents of what a great resource the school newsletter is and urged everyone to download it. It contains a vast array of information and every parent should read it.
- The text app goes to one parent in each family and communicates important information in particular early closing etc. It is essential that partents read it.
- The role of the PA is very important and has a great relationship with the school. Delighted

Parents Association AGM Meeting Minutes

to hear the existing committee and officers are to remain. There is a huge amount of good will between the staff and the PA. All want what is best for the children - the same end point.

- The role of the PA is a support role and there are many events that wouldn't happen without the Parents association support, in particular fund-raising.
- The PA also provides consultation on Policies such as the uniform policy. While drafts are available for all feedback often comes through the PA.
- However Parental complaints are not within the scope of the Parents Association and should be dealt directly with the school. The class teacher being the first point of contact. Most complaints are dealt with at this level with a few being referred further to Mr. Ruane.
- Mr. Ruane empahsied the great atmosphere in the school and the marvellous parents and staff, all working together.

- Finally Mr Ruane thanked the Parents Association once again for their hard work and presented each of the officers with a beautiful bouquet of flowers.
- Many thanks to Mr. Ruane for this lovely gesture!

- As all business was now complete the meeting was adjourned.

MEETING ADJOURNED!