

## **Meeting Report**

**Tuesday, 5 April 2016**

### **Easter Raffle**

574 raffle cards sent out, only 55 returned. There was surprise and disappointment at lack of support for the raffle. It was proposed that when we do a raffle in future that text messages need to be sent out as a reminder to return the cards – this would be an added cost of €80 but it was felt it would be worth it. Raffle produced a net profit of €1,129.20. A big thank you to May, Linda and Orla for all the effort involved in the raffle.

### **Suggestions Made**

Calendar of events for the year to be done up at the start of the year.

### **Flapjacks and Bottled Water for Junior and Leaving Cert students**

May will order the flapjacks from Staple Diet at an expected cost of €300. Mary will order the bottles of water from Scallans. Joanne, May and Tara will hand them out on the first day of the exams.

### **The Quilt**

Mr. Gunning will get all the 5th years together in assembly sometime in the next 2 weeks and tell them what is required from them. Ms. Byrne will organize a time to talk to the staff and tell them what is required from them.

### **Commemorative Calendar**

May is looking after this and it has been started. John has taken photos over the Easter holidays and will take more nearer the summer. The aim is to have it completed by September.

### **End of Year Prizegiving**

May to contact Ms. Griffin about end of year prizegiving. The cost is expected to be €100.

### **Other Business**

Ruth has booked Fergus Heffernan for 3rd May.

Next meeting: 5th May at 7 pm

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## **Meeting Report**

**Tuesday, 1 March 2016**

Last Month's Meeting Minutes of 2nd February 2016 were agreed.

### **Friday Meeting Update**

Vending machine update:

Anything sold in the machine should be under 250 calories. A lot of products are low in calories but high in sugar content. M Brazill to research products with low sugar content.

We agreed that that calorie content should not be displayed as we think it sends out the wrong message to the girls in the school. Barbara spoke to Glenda. Brown bread and cheese, and cracker and cheese are to be tried in the vending machines, between now and Easter.

It has been suggested to cut down on the size of the bread rolls and to have bread rolls with sausages or chicken only once a week. We would like to see healthier options on the lunch menu.

PE hours in the new the school to double.

### **Easter Raffle**

A licence has been granted for the Easter Raffle. We are to ask Mr O'Shea to send out a text reminder for the raffle to the parents.

### **Quilting Wall Hanging**

Mai and Mary had a meeting with Ms. Byrne, the Art Teacher. Ms Byrne will organise a date to meet with the teachers. Tara and May met with Mr O'Shea to arrange talking to the students, suggested the religion class.

### **Calendar**

Ruth Kennedy gave John Ironside a tour of the school so that he could select areas of the school to be photographed for the calendar.

### **Proposed talk for parents with Fergus Heffernan**

Ruth Kennedy is helping to organise a talk by Fergus Heffernan. The Parents' Council can't finance the talk, so it has been suggested to have a donation box to fund it on the night. The Parents' Council will also help out on the night.

### **Board of Management Meeting**

Barbara gave a brief rundown of the last board meeting.

- New school discussed
- Mr O'Shea to visit in a PPP school in Gorey
- Principal's report / success of hockey team

- Ski Trip - 39 student and 5 teachers travelling
- Mock Interviews

All Board of Management Meeting Minutes can be viewed on the school website.

### **Mock interviews**

The Mock Interview have been arranged for Monday, 14 March 2016 at 6.30pm. Madeline and Linda to help with teas and coffees on the evening. Annette and Orla will also be attending but they will be interviewing.

### **AOB**

Thank you cards to go out to all our sponsors of the Easter raffle.

Thank you cards are also to go out to Lucy Carthy and Mary Fox for their past service on the Parents' Council. Both have now resigned.

Lucy has handed over the treasurer's log to Mary O'Leary who is our new Treasurer.

Patrick Clancy is to be noticed of all Parent Council meetings.

The Board of Management will be looking for new Parent Members from October 2016 as the current member's term will be coming to an end. We can inform parents of this at our AGM in September.

Annette suggested putting together a one-page newsletter at the end of the year to let parents know what the Parents' Council do and how the funds are spent.

Linda suggested bag packing as a big fundraiser for the future.

We, the Parents' Council are obliged to meet every month. If you do not attend without sending apologies three times or more, you are deemed to be no longer a member. We are here to represent and help the students in the school and we are also here to support the school in any way possible if asked. If anyone has any grievances, please bring them to the attendance of Mai Fanning our Chairperson.

The draw for the Easter raffle will be held on 15 March 2016. All cards to be returned by 11 March 2016.

Next Meeting Tuesday, 5 April 2016 at 7.00pm

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## **Meeting Report**

**Tuesday, 2 February 2016**

### **New Treasurer**

Lucy Carty has resigned as Treasurer. Mary O'Leary put her name forward. She was proposed by Joanne Beaver and seconded by Eilish Culleton.

### **Easter Raffle**

The Easter Raffle will be held on Tuesday, 15 March 2016 in the school. There will be two seller prizes: -

- €50 for the top seller
- Easter Egg Hamper (all sellers will be included in this)

All members of the Parents' Council to be contacted to try and get prizes. All prizes to be in by 8 February as we have to print the raffle cards. We will distribute the raffle cards on 22 February 2016 in the school.

### **Friday Meeting Update**

There will not be a Friday meeting for the next 2 weeks due to the Mock Exams.

The school's healthy eating policy continues to be discussed.

### **AOB**

Parents discussed the arrangements for parent-teacher meetings.

Next Meeting Tuesday, 1 March 2016 at 7.00pm

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**Meeting Report**

**Tuesday, 1 December 2015**

**Flower Arranging Evening**

The flower arranging evening was a great success. A total of €740 was made after expenses.

**Envelope Collection**

Following on from the success of the flowering arranging evening, it has been agreed to run fund raising events rather than ask for money in the envelope collection e.g. a raffle at Easter with good prizes. By running these events it will also raise the profile of the Parents' Council and what we do. However, we will need sponsorship.

**Students' Council Lunch**

Linda, Eilish and Mai to help out. Time to be confirmed for lunch for 16 students. Mai to get a cheque from Lucy to pay Glenda on the day.

**Donation for School Musical**

It was agreed that a donation of €150 will be made towards the school musical Les Mis.

**Sod Turning for New School**

The sod turning for the new school will be held on Monday 14th December 2015 at 12.00pm, followed by lunch in the Talbot Hotel. All members of the Parent Council have been invited with six confirmed so far.

**School On-line Survey**

The result of the on-line survey is now available for all to read. Areas noted for improvement: -

Understanding AFL (Assessment for Learning)

Current Affairs

With regard to current affairs, Annette suggested that assembly time could be used to promote this and Mai will bring this proposal to Mr O'Shea.

**Up-coming Events / Suggestions**

Mai has proposed to Mr O'Shea a number of events / projects which the Parents' Council would be involved in for the new school.

Wall Hanging Project. Each student will participate in the making of, as well as teachers and past pupils.

Commemorative Calendar. This will involve taking photographs of landmarks in the 'Old' School. Mai has a photographer organised.

Nostalgic Evening (Proposed by Joanne). Details to be discussed at a later date.

**AOB**

Orla to contact Barbara on Up-coming Events, Mock Interviews and Careers Night.

Next Meeting: Monday 11th January at 7.00pm

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## Report of Parents' Council Meeting

Tuesday, 3 November 2015

Apologies:

Marian O'Leary, Bernie Cullen, Linda Keeling, Anne Dempsey, Eilish Culleton, Mary Fox, Val Boggan, Joanne Beaver, Carmel Larkin, Lynn Quigley

1. Christmas flower arranging fundraiser to start at 7.00pm on 17th November 2015. Details to be finalised.
2. It is agreed not to have a Christmas raffle this year as the flower arranging night is so close to Christmas.
3. Matters arising from meeting with Mr O'Shea:
  - a. Kettle for student is a non-runner due to health and safety reasons.
4. Joanne and Mai shall be going to the National Parent Council Conference in Killarney on 14th November 2015.
5. Mai shall discuss the students' Christmas dinner with Mr O'Shea and Glenda.
6. Mr O'Shea is looking for volunteers to get sponsorship for Les Miserable. It was agreed to offer a donation to the musical.
7. Next Meeting: Tuesday 1st December 2015 at 7.00pm

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## Report of Parents' Council Meeting

Thursday, 8 October 2015

Apologies:

Lucy Carthy, Marian O'Leary, Bernie Cullen

- Mary Fox welcomed everyone to the meeting including new parents and Mr. Kilbride, the teachers' representative for the year.
- Mai Fanning was proposed as Chairperson by Madeleine Cleary and seconded by Eilish Culleton.
- Joanne Beaver was proposed as Vice Chairperson by Madeleine Cleary and seconded by Eilish Culleton.
- Orla Gallagher was proposed as Secretary by Joanne Beaver and seconded by Barbara Foley.
- Lucy Carthy will remain as Treasurer.
- First Year social night will be held on Tuesday, 20 October 2015 at 7.30pm in the school lunch room. Mai and Joanne to meet with Padraig from Pettit's to arrange cheese and wine. A flyer will be sent out by the school to the first year students and parents will also be notified by text.
- National Parent Council Conference will be held on 14th November 2015 in Killarney. No volunteers have come forward yet.
- Mai is to meet with Ingrid from Slaney flowers with regard to flower arranging funding raising evening which will be held in the school on Tuesday 17th November 2015 at 7.00pm.
- A request was made to contact Mr. O Shea with regard to opening the school for supervised study on Saturdays.
- Mai thanked Mary Fox, Barbara Foley and Liz Corcoran for their hard work and dedication to the Parents' Council over the previous two years.

Next Meeting: Monday, 2 November 2015 at 7.00pm

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