



Presentation Secondary School Parents Council
23/05/23

Present:

School Reps: Lorraine O' Keefe, Martha Kent.

Jackie Hanrahan, Eimear O'Brien, Sheila Corbett, Roisin Keane, Kevin Finn, Orla Hennessey, Michelle Cooke, Marie Burke.

Apologies: Julianne Murphy

Jackie the Chairperson opened the meeting.

Minutes of the last meeting were read by the Secretary, Michelle Cooke and proposed by Sheila Corbett and seconded by Roisin Keane.

Treasurer's Report

Nothing to report. The Bank Balance is still €2,420.

Principals Report

Busy month of May in Presentation with a visit from 5th class primary, Junk C LCA practical task interviews, TY trip to Rome and Sorrento, International Day celebrated, Active School Week, Graduation Preparation and end of year exams begin.

Congratulations to Amy O' Brien for winning second prize in the Tesco Art Competition. Congratulations to the students who took part in the Equestrian InterSchools challenge and to those who took part in the hammer and javelin competition and to the senior footballers who won the Munster final. Thank you to all who attended Sr. Consolio mass and for preparing the occasion.

AOB

- 6th year Graduation will take place on 25/05/23. Mass at 7.00 Jack and Linda to help out on the night.
- Debate took place about whether the PC should have a separate identity to the school. It was felt by many in the room that the PC should be a school and not a separate entity.
- Some members felt that they didn't want some of the issues that were discussed to be divulged to the school representatives. Suggesting that the school representatives should leave the meeting for a time.

- Vote taken that the meetings should be held in the school and that all representatives should remain present.
- The consensus in the room was that the parents council email should remain on the school webpage.
- Suggestion that there was a limited number of policies on the school website. All parents have a right to view the policies on the school website.
- Members of the PC should be listed on the website and a photograph taken for parents to recognise who they should contact. A list of names with telephone contacts needs to be taken at AGM.
- The whatsapp group should not have been disbanded and is needed to contact members of the PC. The whatsapp group was disbanded during the year because some members were uncomfortable with the content. The PC decision was taken not to reactivate the whatsapp group at the moment.
- It was suggested the school needs to promote the PC to all parents. Parents Council activities and meetings should be included in the weekly newsletter. No decision was taken.
- There is a need for more structure at the PC meetings. If a resolution isn't found the issue needs to be parked so that the committee can move forward with other business. Each of us must respect that strong feelings can emerge for individual families. For issues pertaining to individual student/parents needs it was deemed by the PC, to be more appropriate to arrange a meeting with the management of the school.
- It was decided that it is important to set a time limit for issues so that the forum can be used to listen to and represent all parents who attend meetings.
- Shelia thanked all the committee members and the school management for their support to her family over the years. This was her last PC meeting and she wished everyone continued success.
- The next AGM is set to be held in Mid September 2023. An email will be sent to all parents from the school.
- Thank you to all who attended during the year.
- Have a lovely Summer break.

Proposed:

Recorded:





AGM

Presentation Secondary School Parents Council

20/09/2023

Attendance & Apologies: As per attached sheet.

School Reps: Lorraine O' Keefe & Martha Kent.

The chairperson Jackie Hanrahan opened the meeting and welcomed all parents especially those who were new to the school.

The secretary Michelle Cooke read the minutes of the previous AGM held on 20/09/2022. The minutes were proposed by Marie Burke and seconded by Jackie Hanrahan.

Treasurer's Report

The closing balance is 2,420.

Principals Report

See attached.

Election of officers:

Office	Proposed	Seconded
Chairperson: Siobhan Lewis	Eimear O Brien	Carina Joy
Vice-chairperson: Jackie Hanrahan	Nora Flynn	Marie Burke
Secretary: Carol Dooley	Siobhan Lewis	Marie Burke
Vice Secretary: Michelle Cooke	Jackie Hanrahan	Marie Burke
Treasurer: Marie Burke	Jackie Hanrahan	Eimear O Brien

Vice-Treasurer: Eimear O'Brien	Jackie Hanrahan	Nora Flynn
-----------------------------------	-----------------	------------

AOB

Sixty-four new students bringing the school numbers to 332 which sees the school at capacity for the moment.

School collaboration with CBS continues to give subject choice a high satisfaction. Woodwork and Technical Graphics provided in CBS while Music, Art and Home Economics available in Presentation.

Four students potentially five in the ASD class demand for second class can only be met with the new building.

First years are engaging in taster courses and will choose their subjects after Christmas. Christmas assessment will be held on the 27th November.

Full electrical upgrade is finished. Painting and decoration took place over the Summer.

Plans for the New Extension are continuing. It is hoped that the New Extension will contain five new classrooms, Home Economics room, Toilet, Art Room and the part will house a SEN suite.

It is envisioned that the digging out will take place in September 2024 and will be completed in 2025.

High levels of students with anxiety who are availing of reduced days. Request for the parents council to think of ways to support parents to encourage engagement.

The Open Night will take place on 12th October 2023.

Junior Cycle Results will be available on the 18th October.

Date for the next meeting is set for Wednesday 4th October @ 7.30 pm. Email will be set up on the website. Consensus by participants to reach members to build the capacity in the group.