



HOLY FAITH PARENTS' ASSOCIATION

AGM 28th September 2021

By Zoom (22 attendees)

Welcome:

Maire Ni Cleiridh (chairperson) welcomed parents to the AGM. She made a presentation covering the functions, events and fund raising activities normally undertaken by the PA throughout the year, including the Debs reception, careers nights, 1st year parents night, book fairs, table quiz, parents lunch and assistance at school events, eg. TY show, graduation etc. She noted that due to Covid 19, several of these activities were curtailed. She noted that in 2021 the PA organised a school virtual tour, a Halloween Art/Creativity competition and had contributed to the 6th year graduation.

She drew attention to the list provided to parents of items funded by the PA for the school during the past year, including workshops, science, music, PE and HomeEc equipment.

The PA hope to run some events this year, starting with the lunch in November, and 1st and 2nd year parent social nights. There are usually 9 meetings per year, on alternative Tuesdays and Wednesdays at 8 pm in the school. It is a very friendly and inclusive environment.

MINUTES OF LAST MEETING:

Louise McKenna presented the minutes of the 2020 AGM. Approved and seconded by Coleen Savage and Maire Ni Cleiridh.

MATTERS ARISING:

None

FINANCIAL REPORT:

The Income and Expenditure account for the year to 30 June 2021 was presented by the treasurer, Clarissa Bryans. There was no income for the year. And for 2020/21, the main outgoings were the photographer for the 6th yearbook and library payments (which related to the prior year).

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT:

DG welcomed parents. DG presented a summary of a report made to Le Cheile.

Board of Management remains unchanged. Staff – 45 full time; 1 SNA; 1 principal and 1 deputy principal.

655 students. 65 students identified with special needs.

In 20/21, extra curricular was very restricted;

Ethos- no access to church/retreats in 20/21; 6th graduation was held in the hall with the students only; a yearbook was produced which proved very popular.

Special challenges: closures of the school; live streaming – school realised that this needed to be addressed, and renegotiated with DES re school organisation and now there is no streaming.

There were no school covid outbreaks and no contact tracing;

No junior cert in 2021, which has caused a lot of stress;

Leaving cert – accredited grades – difference in 2021 was that students were still in school and that caused stress for

many;

More than 50% students sat some written papers;

Ms Gogarty presented a slide re the leaving cert results – overall results are significantly better than the national average, as are results by subject.

She stated that the feedback via the PA last year was very useful and thanked them for it.

She hopes that after 1 Nov the school may be able to facilitate meetings/events, but that that DES has to decide on that, and that their decisions are not necessarily in line with general opening up rules.

AOB

The next PA meeting will be held in Clontarf Castle – all welcome – on Tuesday 5th October – all welcome.

Parents'/Friends of HFC Lunch on 19th November in St Annes Golf Club

The new committee will be elected at the next PA Meeting – anyone interested in taking on a post/shadowing – please contact a member of the PA.

Time and date of next regular Meeting Tuesday, 5th October at 8pm.