



HOLY FAITH PARENTS' ASSOCIATION

Meeting Minutes - 9th January 2024

Welcome & Review of Minutes

- Louise welcomed the good turnout and introduced the committee
- Minutes reviewed and approved

Deputy Principals Report – Mary Molloy

- Currently reviewing attendance policy and code of behaviour - Mary gave examples around unexplained lates / detention / notes from parents
- Mock exams are in 3 weeks
- Date for incoming first years is being organised
- 2 groups entering young scientists from TY and teacher is also bringing the 3rd years
- Board of Management (BOM) meeting with PA will be scheduled for March/April
- Next BOM meeting is 6th Feb

Treasurers Report – Liz Tierney

- Current PA bank balance is €2,065.61
- Funds raised from lunch fundraiser are in school account - PA will share what the funds get spent on
- The €1,500 raised was paid to UNICEF
- Noted the Debs reception is the biggest expense annually and €800 to Clontarf Wines outstanding

Matters Arising

- Late places - Parent raised issues with the app / uniform / books experienced by families who get a late place
- Also noted poor attendance by Belgrove girls parents at the first year induction and how we need to try to encourage greater attendance next year
- A parent raised the issue of science as a compulsory subject and said she planned to take this issue to the Board of Management for consideration on behalf of a number of parents she had spoken to. The issue was not agreed by everyone at the meeting.

- Suggestion that all TY's should be brought to the Young Scientists
- Occasional Zoom PA Meetings were proposed and are being considered for 1 or 2 meetings per year along with how they would be run and moderated
- Uniforms were discussed and Mary Molloy confirmed that black or navy tights can be worn in the cold weather and that the school will notify parents on the app if the tracksuit can be worn when it's very cold
- The issue of broken lockers was raised and Mary Molloy confirmed that the school is aware of the issues and the caretaker is addressing this but had been out sick for 5 weeks
- The issue of mobile phones was raised and Mary Molloy confirmed the school is investigating the cost of introducing lockable neoprene phone pouches which limit in-school access to phones

Events

- Discussed venue and speaker for 2024 lunch fundraiser – all speaker suggestions welcome
- Table Quiz on March 7th - Invite will follow from Louise to join organising group to help with the main activities of selling tickets for tables / securing sponsorship and prizes
- Reminder that you do not need to be involved in the PA to help out – all assistance and any prize donations are greatly appreciated

Next Meetings

Wednesday 7th February

Tuesday 5th March

Wednesday 10th April

Tuesday 7th May