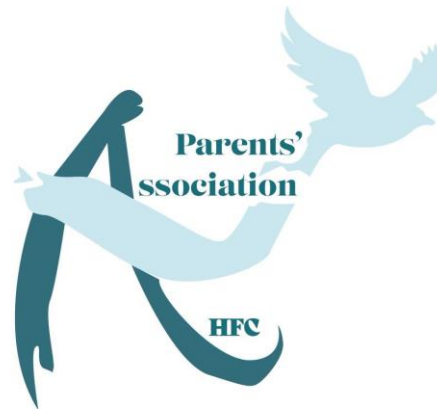


HOLY FAITH PARENTS' ASSOCIATION

AGM 21th September 2022



Welcome:

Kara Cullen (vice chair) 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, 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 drew attention to the list provided to parents of item 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:

The minutes of the 2022 AGM were presented. Approved and seconded by Kara Cullen and Louise McKenna.

MATTERS ARISING:

None

FINANCIAL REPORT:

The Income and Expenditure account for the year to 30 June 2022 was presented by the treasurer, Clarissa Bryans. Income for the year was just over Eur20,000, the most raised in the previous 7 years. Expenditure was EUR8,000 and EUR7,000 was contributed to the school. Donations of EUR2,500 were made to the Ukraine appeal. At the year end the bank balance was EUR7,000.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT:

DG welcomed parents. DG presented a summary of a report made to Le Cheile, covering the following topics

1. School details
2. Non-teaching staff
3. Initiatives with outside agencies e.g. Fast Friends, Gaisce, Fuse, Microsoft
4. Additional Educational Needs
5. Parish Links e.g. St. John's – church for liturgies, graduation, School hosted parish event
6. Issues addressed during term of BOM 2019- 2022

Covid – Overcrowding Challenges; On-line Learning; Purchase of Laptops; Purchase of 3 mobile table trollies; Upgrade of Computer Room; Well-being programme; Completion of Refurbishment Programme 2006-2022; Expansion of Leadership and Management Team; School APP for communication with parents; Ongoing policy review – digital platform.

7. BOM Strategic Plan

Survey of parents for BOM Strategic Plan

- a) Application for Additional Accommodations (delivery stage)
- b) Temporary Accommodation (prefabs at tender)
- c) Exp of Curriculum PE 2022; Comp Sc 2023)
- d) Hot food (food village)
- e) Class tutors
- f) Extra-Curricular activities
- g) Blended approach to meetings

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 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.