

**Holy Faith Parents Association**  
**Meeting Monday, 4<sup>th</sup> April 2022 at 8.00pm via Teams**

**Present:** Máire Ní Chléirigh (Chair), Kara Cullen (Vice Chair), Clarissa Bryans (Treasurer)

**Apologies:** Patricia Birch (Secretary)

**Minutes of last meeting:** Minutes of the last PA meeting were reviewed and accepted.

**Treasurer's Report:**

- €4634 in bank account after paying €2602 to Ukraine charity appeals (Red Cross and UNICEF Ireland). €800 outstanding in sponsorship payments from Table Quiz.
- €1000 donated from Sum Up to match our donation, total €3602 to Ukraine charity appeals
- €3000 paid for Debs reception to include room hire. Prosecco and photographer

**Principal's Report:**

- Finance required for PE for leaving cert – requires purchase of tablets
- Board agreed to
  - upgrading of computer room for Computer Science for 5<sup>th</sup> yr 2023
  - upgrading of classroom furniture
  - Expenditure to enhance teaching and learning
- Post Covid 'Spirit Festival' to take place May 18<sup>th</sup> in Scoil Ui Chonaill GAA grounds. Parents will be able to attend in the afternoon
- School Development plan is at delivery phase - additional accommodation approved, 2 additional prefabs in the school until upgrade delivered.
- Leaving Cert practicals & oral exams will take place in school during the Easter holidays
- Tragically the deaths of two school parents have occurred recently
- Pizza and Prosecco Wednesday May 11<sup>th</sup> for Class of 2020. Teachers will attend.
- In person, in school Parent Teacher meetings for first years, 5<sup>th</sup> year PTMs worked well on-line
- Next Board of Management meeting is May 4<sup>th</sup>.

**Table Quiz:**

- Very successful social event
- €6000+ received in sponsorship. Local businesses and past pupils were very generous
- €2000+ worth of spot prizes
- €1000+ made from the Silent Auction and €2000 made from the Raffle
- Sum Up machines used for the first time successfully
- Charity donation made for the first time by PA with some proceeds of the Table Quiz

- Hard work for the Table Quiz team for 6 weeks and thanks to all involved

#### **Debs Reception Update:**

- Joyful and happy event in Clontarf Castle
- Excellent feedback from students and parents
- Thanks to Mark Grainger who supplied prosecco at a favourable rate
- Photographer was Eoin O'Connor who has supplied a web gallery of photos to view and purchase
- Head girl, Ms Gogarty and PA chair spoke
- Debs 2022 booked for September 14<sup>th</sup> in Carnegie Hotel, Swords
- Clontarf Castle unable to facilitate Debs Reception September 2022
- Agreed location external to school is more suitable for Debs reception going forward
- Volunteers needed to find new location for reception from September 2022

#### **Newsletter Update:**

- Trialling new Newsletter format
- Department of Education, NPCPP, Parents, Students, past pupils all to be included and encouraged to contribute
- To check if possible to put Newsletter on Holy Faith Website

#### **Food Village Update:**

- Parents surveyed and 96 of the 111 who answered survey would like Food Village to be available in the school
- To be 6-8 seconds queueing per student
- Allergies can be catered for
- School can decide what foods will be on the Holy Faith menu
- Worries over smells from food in classrooms
- Dept has not approved funding for canteen facilities or locker rooms but 'communal / multifunctional' areas may be an option, old tuck shop area to be used for the moment.
- Health / Nutrition / healthy lunch options covered in SPHE / Home Ec./ Health & Nutrition modules in first and 5<sup>th</sup> year.
- Bringing own healthy food from home should continue to be promoted as best option.

#### **Uniforms:**

- Large numbers of second hand uniforms circulating
- PA trying to help facilitate re-using uniforms
- Options include
  - Parents donate to PA for sale by PA to make money
  - Parents to give away on Clontarf free cycle group on facebook

- Parents give to PA who could facilitate passing on to other parents
- Sell on DePop App.

Final decision to be made. In the meantime, Clontarf free cycle group to be advertised to parents

**TY SHow:**

- Plenty of students have volunteered to help. More parents required to sell at tuck shop
- Raffle tickets to be sold at €2 per strip or 3 for €5

**Upcoming events:**

Carrers Talk/Mock Interviews – Maire to follow up with Ms Peppard

Parents Talk – researching

Graduation 2022 – 20<sup>th</sup> May 2022

- **AOB** - None

**PA Meetings:**

Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> May 2022

Tuesday September 6<sup>th</sup>

AGM Wednesday September 28<sup>th</sup>

Wednesday October 5<sup>th</sup>