

Kishoge Parents Council Meeting

Thursday 22nd April 2021

In Attendance

Maria (Chair), Deirdre (Secretary), Sara, Somantha, Zahid, Paula, Adele, Aisling, Aaron (Teacher Rep.), Niall (Principal)

Apologies: Monika, Colm.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes from the March meeting were approved.

Matters arising

6th year Graduation

School is organizing an open-air Graduation on May 26th for 6th Years.

Uniform recycling

Maria will advertise this on Parents Facebook page and look after collecting any uniforms dropped to the school.

Presentation to Karen and Jurga

Maria has organized gifts, hopefully meet next month for presentation.

Principals Report

Principals Report available at: <https://www.kishogecc.ie/principals-reports>.

Topics for Discussion

Wriggle

Aaron has no update on booklists or Wriggle.

Parents asking if there is a possibility of buying some books themselves instead of ordering everything from Wriggle.

There were long delays last year between ordering books and receiving them, parents were worried at end of holidays when book were late arriving. Some had ordered and paid for books in early June.

Aaron will speak with Ciara before next meeting.

Parents Council contacting all parents

PC Facebook page reaches around 180 parents and Twitter page reaches 70.

Not all parents look at the school website regularly.

We are not making contact with parents who do not engage with social media/school website.

Parents Council would like to try to reach all parents and try to build a stronger parent's community without the cost of text messages.

In order to reach as many parents as possible PC wondering if the school has an e mail database linked for all parents?

If so, would it be possible for school to forward any messages/information to all parents for the Council via email.

Suggestion for Picnic tables and outdoor seating

and a canopy area for students to have lunch and sit outside at break times.

Aaron will speak with Niall.

Aaron pointed out concern of sanitizing the benches/tables between students and how to monitor that.

Vending machine

Adele suggested installing a vending machine from "Chopped", selling healthy foods and drinks.

Maintained by the company, no fees for the school.

PC requested a list of products provided and asked that the suggestion also be brought to the Student Council for their opinion and input.

Maria suggested that a subcommittee would be formed to follow this up. Adele and Somantha will follow up with this.

Aaron pointed out concerns with students queuing and sanitizing the machine touch points between students.

PC will contact Niall to see if this is a possibility now or something to think about post Covid.

Do students do a first aid course? Use of AED, CPR?

This had been brought up at the PC meeting last year, before Covid.

Aaron will look into this especially for TY.

Put on agenda again for September.

Update PC information sheet for 1st year parents

Deirdre and Sara will update this and get it to first year parents over the next few weeks.

Also put updated version on school website.

A request was made by a parent to review the uniform policy in relation to wearing of PE uniform.

This request was considered and discussed.

The Parents Council voted to respect the original democratic process used to decide on the uniform policy and therefore the stance of the Parents Council remains the same.

Request by email

Parent asking about refund of charges for TY activities that could not take place because of Covid restrictions.

Any fees due for refund will be returned to TY parents during the summer.

Return to school date

Parents Council in agreement with decision of Return to School date of 26th August 2021.

Date and Time of next meeting

Thursday 13th May at 7.30 pm.