



Parents' Council Committee meeting

Thursday 21st, November 2019 at 7pm

In attendance: Maria (Chair), Karen (Secretary), Mary, Thereze, Zahid, Paula, Deirdre, Alice, Monika, Aaron (Teacher Rep.), Adele.

Apologies: Niall (Principal), Sam, Jurga, Aishling, Ambrose, Colm,

1. Minutes from the last meeting held on Thursday 24th, October 2019

The previous minutes were proposed by Maria and seconded by Alice.

Maria started the meeting with a review of the Open Night by thanking the PC and Staff for helping, she especially noted thanks to the Student Council for their assistance and for representing the school so well on the night.

Aaron thanked the PC for its support in helping to promote Movember in the school which highlighted male cancer and male health & wellbeing in general.

2. Matters arising

• School Uniforms:

Uniform Warehouse have finally received Kishoge CC's delivery, but issues remain this time with quality and sizing. Aaron advised that a new Uniform Policy would be addressed in the New Year.

The uniform contract will be put out to tender and the PC expressed their wish to continue to be involved in the selection process. The PC noted that School Leadership Captains new tops were of high quality and look well. Aaron was asked if he could find out more information from Ann Marie in the P.E. department about where they were sourced.

• Contacting Teachers:

Aaron updated the PC that it is acceptable for parents to contact teachers between 9am to 4pm and that the teacher should respond within a reasonable length of time after that.

• Gender related matters:

Aaron updated the PC on the measures the school have agreed to make in relation to the gender related matters. He outlined the following:

- A new committee (name to be decided) will be established involving teachers, parents and students. Both Deirdre and Thereze volunteered.
- Staff will commence training in the new year
- It is hoped to hold at least three meetings before the new year
- Teachers Stephanie & Lisa will be the point of contact
- It is planned to carry out awareness talks within the school in the future.



- **Defibrillators**

Aaron informed the PC that there are three defibrillators in the building, Kishoge CC have positioned one in the admin office and one in the staff room and the third one belongs to Griffeen CC.

Aaron agreed it was a good idea to get portable defibrillators for going on trips. He could not confirm how many staff are trained to use them but advised a few staff are trained in First Aid including all the P.E. staff. Paula and Zahid will research first aid training provided by different organisations for students and/or parents and will report back to PC.

- **Fundraising**

Maria has done a lot of work on fund raising projects, she is currently in the process of organising bag packing, a bucket collection and a Tesco blue token collection. Maria has contacted Michael Manners re involving the TY students in these activities.

- **School Calendar:**

Karen stated that the academic calendar, extra-curricular calendar and the parents' page on the school website was adequate but did stress keeping it updated depended on being notified of events. Aaron advised that he would liaise with teaching staff to agree a process of capturing all the school activities on the school social media platforms.

- **School Trips**

Maria collated the PC's suggestions and emailed the trips/activities for various years to the school for review.

3. Principals Report

The principals report is available at - <https://www.kishogecc.ie/principals-reports>

4. Ongoing issues

- **Tracksuit/Uniform supplier status**

This was addressed in matters arising.

- **Traffic safety**

There were no further updates currently.

5. AOB

The PC discussed arranging a Christmas night out, date to be decided.

6. Next meeting

The next PC committee meeting is scheduled for Thursday 12th, December at 19:00.

Minutes agreed and signed: _____ Date: _____