

Kishoge Parents' Council Meeting

Thursday 4th November 2021

In Attendance

Maria (Chair), Deirdre (Secretary), Mary, Zahid, Audrey, Sara, Niamh, Monica, Therese, Adele, Colm, Somantha, Aaron (Teacher Rep.), Niall (Principal).

Approval of Minutes

The minutes from meeting, 16th September, were approved.

Matters Arising

Lockers.

No guidance received from Dept of Education; School open to any suggestions from parents as to reinstating lockers safely.

Parents will email suggestions to PC email, and they will be forwarded to school.

6th Year Parent Teacher Student meeting.

6th year meetings ran very successfully, online this evening.

School hoping to run online meetings for other years if face to face meetings not possible due to Covid restrictions.

Names of year heads on school website.

Aaron will arrange to have Year Head names put onto school website.

Parents can contact year head by phoning school and leaving message for Year head.

Student Leadership Team

Aaron will invite Reps from the Student Leadership Team to join us at our next meeting.

Winter jumper fundraiser.

Aaron has contacted Business dept. They will work with us on this fundraiser.

Removing School Blazer from uniform list.

School happy to do this if parents request it.

Principals Report

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

Topics for discussion

School enrolment policy.

Sara will draft letter for Board of Management, requesting possible change from current policy.

Hoping to change to include siblings who have had siblings in Kishoge within the past 7 years.

Will share letter with PC prior to sending, for feedback.

Fundraising.

Philip Smyth looking for Camogie equipment.

Asking if parents could donate equipment they may have at home.

Mary also requesting sports equipment.

Winter Jumper Fundraiser.

Parents' Council will provide prizes for best jumper for each year.

Money collected will be split between a charity and Parents' Council.

Coin trail.

PC in favor of organizing a coin trail, students bring in coins, teachers will collect, P.C. will count money.

No homework vouchers and pizza for winning class.

Aaron will mention to Niall.

P.C connecting with all parents.

Council would love to do a general plea to parents for used camogie equipment but still have no way to contact all parents.

Sara suggested that there is an App connected to VS ware. It could possibly be used as a communication method.

Aaron will talk to Michael about this.

Adele will investigate the Aladdin app.

Graduation Yearbook.

Parents council hoping to fund or part fund Yearbook if possible.

WellFest.

Ciara asking if parents could fundraise for the schools Wellfest in January.

Looking for funding for a large weatherproof sign outside the school and picture frames for second floor corridor to display students art.

Time Capsule.

School making a time capsule in February. Would like parents to add to capsule.

Camogie.

School asking if possibility of any camogie equipment no longer being used could be donated to the school.

Work experience.

Michael asking if parents aware of anywhere taking students for work experience.

Gaisce awards.

Parents asking that information be shared with parents as well as students as some students not so good at bringing information home.

Parents keen that students become involved with Gaisce and would like the chance to encourage participation.

School Blazer.

Parents Council in favor of removing blazer from uniform list.

Deirdre will email Niall about this decision.

Parents accompanying school teams to matches.

School asking if possibility of forming a panel of parents too accompany teams to matches outside of school grounds.

Need second adult with team in case of emergency if teacher had to accompany student to hospital

Aaron to liaise with teachers to see if there is a way of communicating with parents.

At present PC has no way of contacting parents.

Suggested possibility of teachers sending request to parents of teams.

Parents also asking if any possibility of letting parents know when matches are on. Parents would like to go and support teams.

Open night.

Parents asking about possibility of doing a virtual open night for feeder schools and incoming students.

ETB National Parents' Association.

Will be running training courses and parent information nights online for Parents next year.

A.O.B.

Suggestion from parent about possibility of more outdoor facilities in the school such as a GAA pitch or hurling wall and more basketball courts.

Also asking about possibility of guitars for the music room and possibility of a lock for the piano.

Parent voicing concerns about dogs at gate of school in mornings. Some students afraid of the dogs.

Lady feeding dogs outside school.

Adele said she has already reported her concerns about the dogs to SDCC and is awaiting a reply.

Maria will contact parents concerned and discuss,

Time and date of next meeting

Thursday 9th December at 7pm.