

Kishoge Parents' Council Meeting

Thursday 9th December 2021

In Attendance

Maria (Chair), Deirdre (Secretary), Sara, Audrey, Monika, Niamh, Somantha, Aaron (Teacher Rep.), Niall (Principal).

Erica (Student Captain), Marcin (Student Captain), Robin & Rachael (Student Leadership Team)

Presentation from Student Leadership Team

Erica gave a presentation on Green Schools.

School initiative starting soon, encouraging students to walk or cycle to school and raise awareness of road safety and cycling safely.

School working towards Travel flag.

SLT working with the ISSU to introduce Student cards for the students.

Cards will cost €15 and ISSU will come to the school at the end of January to organize the cards.

Parents council supportive of student cards.

SLT organizing an appeal next week for warm clothes, gloves and hats, they are going to send them to a local homeless charity, they are also taking part in a soup run in the city center before Christmas.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes from the meeting, 4th November were approved.

Matters Arising

Thank you to Aaron and Michael, a list of Year Heads is now on school website.

Reinstatement of lockers.

Niall asked for a formal decision from parents, considering the Public Health Guidance and the importance of keeping everyone safe.

Removal of blazer form Uniform list.

Awaiting approval from BoM but Blazer will be removed from uniform list.

Fundraising coin trail.

PC hoping to run this fundraising initiative in the school in January.

VS Ware App

School looking into possibility of using messaging facility on VS Ware App to communicate with parents.

Panel of parents accompanying teams to matches.

Maria and Niamh offered to work on this.

Virtual Open Night.

Being planned by school involving TY students.

Principal's Report

Principal's report available at <https://www.kishogecc.ie/principals-reports>.

Topics for discussion

Time Capsule.

Parents to put a written piece together about experience of school community life.

Covid and pre covid, experiences, highlights, things proud of being a part of, possibly a piece form parents there since start of school until present day.

PC will meet to discuss this.

Reopening of Canteen

School still awaiting guidance from Dept. Of Education.

Lockers.

PC discussed reinstatement of lockers.

General opinion was, now is not the time because of rising Covid numbers in the community.

Aaron will ask about the possibility of students in the resource center having lockers reinstated and the possibility of lockers for students with additional needs who find the school bag heavy to carry.

Will put issue of reinstatement of lockers on February agenda.

Maria will draft letter to school.

Proposed by Somantha , seconded by Niamh.

Well fest

Possibility Somantha will be able to organize banner for outside school. Will liaise with Ciara.

Aaron will ask again about number of, and sizes of picture frames Ciara was asking PC to possibly provide.

Fundraising

Coin trail in January.

No uniform day in February, hopefully on Valentine's Day.

Gaisce Awards.

Parents asking that school let parents know about Gaisce awards.

Put information explaining Gaisce on school website_and text to parents.

Parents would love to be able to encourage students to take part on Gaisce, but don't know when it is happening.

Aaron will ask Hannah about possibility of doing this.

Date and time of next meeting

Thursday 20th January at 7pm.