



# Parents' Council Committee meeting

Thursday, October 24<sup>th</sup>, 2019 at 7pm

**In attendance:** Maria (Chair), Karen (Secretary), Mary, Aishling, Zahid, Ambrose, Deirdre, Alice, Colm, Monika, Adele, Sam, Niall (Principal), Aaron (Teacher Rep.), Fatini (Student) & Bimpe (Student)

**Apologies:** Paula, Jurga, Thereze.

## 1. Welcome the new committee for 2019/2020

Maria started the meeting with a welcome for the new committee with a round table meet and greet.

## 2. Minutes from the last meeting held on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup>, September 2019

The full set of minutes were unavailable at the time of the October meeting.

## 3. Matters arising

The Principal had asked the minute taker from the last meeting to submit details in relation to the school uniform so that matters could be addressed at this evenings meeting.

Niall informed the PC that Uniform Warehouse (UW) were advised on the 23<sup>rd</sup>, January 2019 that the new school tracksuit would be introduced as part of the school uniform.

Following concerns from parents relating to issues on purchasing the tracksuit and other uniform items not being available, the school contacted UW who apologised for the service and confirmed the remaining items were currently in transit.

The PC agreed the service was unacceptable and asked about the possibilities of using a new supplier.

## 4. Inclusion Captains presentation to the PC

Students Fatini TengkuNazri and Adebimpe Onikan were welcomed to the meeting.

Fatini started by saying she was delighted to be part of the very first Inclusion Captains (IC) committee and expressed pride in the ETB ethos of diversity, inclusion and acceptance which was visible in the school. Fatini listed some of the projects the IC committee will be working on:

- Senior Cycle information booklet for parents
- World Culture food day
- Promoting Ethical campaigns
- All voices being heard through art, singing etc.
- Bringing KishogeCC to the local community.



Bimpe explained all the projects will be presented to the whole school where students will be encouraged to get involved. They will also liaise with the Student Council.

The PC were asked for suggestions for the senior cycle booklet. It was suggested that the IC committee create their own email account so further ideas could be sent to them.

The students left the meeting at this stage.

## 5. Principal's report

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

## 6. Topics for discussion

- A question was raised on etiquette when contacting teachers outside of school hours. Aaron was actioned to check on this.
- A query was raised on how to respond when your child asks about someone who is/has transitioned in school. Suggestions were made for talks to be conducted by T.E.N.I. and BeLonG To, and or from individuals who have already transitioned. Aaron will check on protocol in the school and how students are advised on this topic.
- The PC was asked for a calendar specific to them which sets out key dates like tours, events etc. that are not on the school calendar. Aaron was asked to speak to the school to forward events etc. to the PC which would be published on the Parents' Page on the school website.
- A suggestion was made on senior students mentoring third year students on the senior cycle as a way of encouragement.  
Student leadership programme & College week Aaron
- A query was raised on where the Defibrillators are located in the school grounds and if they are brought on school sports trips. Aaron would check this out.

### Fund raising

- An application will be made on behalf of the PC to the Chief Superintendent, Blanchardstown to obtain a permit for a bucket collection in the Lucan area on a date to be confirmed in the future. Maria to follow up.
- The PC will apply to be included in the Tesco Community Fund at Tesco Hillcrest or Tesco Liffey Valley. Maria to follow up.
- The PC will also contact local retailers, Supervalu and Marks & Spencer with a view to securing bag packing slots before Christmas. Funds raised will be donated to school to assist with school musical and sports department. Maria to follow up.
- Raffle, spot prizes and goodies for tuck shop. All PC to work on this.

## 7. Ongoing issues

- Tracksuit/Uniform supplier status  
This was addressed in matters arising.
- Traffic safety  
There were no further updates currently.



**8. AOB**

The PC were asked if they come up with options/ideas for school trips. Maria will follow up by sending a reminder email to the PC.

**9. Next meeting**

The next PC committee meeting is scheduled for Thursday 21<sup>st</sup>, November at 19:00.

Minutes agreed and signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_