

PARENTS' COUNCIL MINUTES



Date: 13th August 2020

Time: 19:00

In Attendance

Maria (Chairperson), Karen (Secretary), Somantha, Colm, Deirdre, Monika, Zahid, Adele, Mary, Thereze, Niall (Principal), Aaron (Teacher Representative),

Apologies

Paula, Alice, Aishling, Ambrose, Olusola, Jurga

Minutes from previous meeting

The minutes from the meeting in May were not available currently.

Matters arising

Key points were taken from the previous meeting:

- Students bank accounts: Shauna to liaise with the bank to arrange for student accounts to carry forward into a college account.
- Transition Year – D.E.S. have set out the National policy for TY students 20/21. The roadmap for the full return to school is available [here](#). For convenience, see attached PDF on Transition year 2020/2021.. TY students will be in school all day, every day. Work experience has not been set in the calendar at this stage. However, if some individual students' parents can arrange work experience then students will be encouraged to do that. Details of TY will be communicated directly to TY parents.
- P.E. – There is a delay in the P.E. kit. It was noted students will not get into trouble if they have an incomplete uniform.
- Online learning – information from survey feedback available on school website.
- Timetable followed if learning online – School will take off where it left off. Staff meeting will be held to discuss best practice.
- Junior Cert presentation – This will happen when students return to school

Principals update

On the 27th July, D.E.S. published a roadmap for the Return to School.

Overriding objective is to keep all staff and students safe. To keep the virus out of the school and to contain a spread should it occur. All school practices in classroom, corridors need be looked at. Anything that is not essential that compromises safety must be set to one side.

Present

- The school have been given extra resources such as extra cleaners, an extra caretaker, more teachers, and more money.
- The last two weeks the school have spent time hiring resources.
- The timetables must be redone to make them Covid-19 friendly.
- The school are working on a plan to return to school which will be ready for the 20th August.
- Consultation on the plan will be with the Parents (now), Staff (11.30 am tomorrow) and Students on Monday 17th August followed by Board of Management approval.

Niall asked the PC for opinions that can be considered for the plan. The answers to questions asked will be reviewed following consultation with staff and students by the BOM. The details will be available 20th August 2020.

AOB

Niall noted that meeting was very useful and stressed out of respect to staff this meeting is to be kept confidential. No information to be disseminated until BOM decision.

AGM will be held online in October.

Next Meeting

10th September 2020 @19:00