



## Meeting of Parents Association 12<sup>th</sup> April 2018

A meeting of the Parents Association took place in the school on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> April 2018.

Attendance: Fiona Herbst, Grace Shiels, Dan Loughrey, Lorna Kemp, Margaret Black, Helen Hayes Sweeney.

John Lynch – Staff Member

Margaret O Connor- Principal

Apologies: Noreen Mills

### Minutes:

- The minutes of the previous meeting were distributed. All minutes are available on the school website.

### Matters Arising:

- Feedback from both the Study Skills & Internet Safety workshops had been extremely positive. The Senior Leadership Team had also surveyed last year's Leaving Cert. students regarding effective study skills & tips. These would be shared with this year's students.

### Correspondence:

- The Secretary acknowledged receipt of the Board of Management's annual review of the school's Child Safeguarding Statement which was completed at the Board meeting of 14/2/2018.

### Any Other Business:

- Some Leaving Certificate students wished to use the Art room outside of school hours in order to complete LC course work. Ms O Connor

said that this would be possible after school Monday –Friday but not at weekends due to supervision concerns.

- Concern was expressed that Music may not be available as a LC subject for 4<sup>th</sup> Years in September as only a small number had chosen the subject. Ms O Connor reported that efforts were being made to ensure the availability of Music but was that she was not in a position to confirm this at the meeting. Leaving Cert Applied would not be running as too few students had expressed an interest. Applied Maths, Chemistry & Politics & Society had also failed to attract the numbers necessary to make them viable subject options in September.
- Spanish had been slightly oversubscribed among incoming 1<sup>st</sup> Year & while this problem may resolve itself over the coming months, a contingency plan was to select 7 students at random who would do French instead. This draw took place at the meeting.
- Following the success of the Book Sale by LC Students last year, it was decided that a sale would take place again this year on the final day of the exams – Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> June. This would be publicised among parents & students.
- The new school timetable has worked very well this year with positive feedback from both staff & students.

The date for the next meeting was Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> September at 7.30pm.