



Meeting of Parents Association 30th March 2017

A meeting of the Parents Association of Loreto Community School, Milford took place in the School on Thursday 30th March.

- **Nomination/Election of Officers:**

The following officers were deemed elected-

Chairperson: Fiona Herbst

Secretary: Helen Hayes Sweeney

Treasurer: Margaret Black

- **Review of Parents Association Activities:**

The Parents Association offers support to school activities eg provision of refreshments at events such as the school musical.

Margaret O Connor, Principal, gratefully acknowledged the support of the Parents Association in the past & welcomed any suggestions as to how the Parents Association could support the work of the school in the future.

It was suggested that workshops for parents on topics such as 'Study' and 'Positive Mental Health' be held early in the next school year. Any ideas or suggestions may be brought to the next meeting.

- **Overview of Finances:**

The finances of the Parents Association were in a healthy state. There had been no need to fundraise for some time. In response to a question it was explained that funding is used to support school activities such as the musical, Bake Off & T.Y. projects as well as providing flowers in the event of a bereavement etc. All requests for support are discussed & agreed by the Association.

- **Upcoming Events:**

Following last year's introduction of a book sale of Leaving Cert books, it was decided to hold one this year, possibly on Friday 23rd June from 4.30-6.30. Details would be finalised at the next meeting.

- **A.O.B:**

Due to a requirement from the Department of Education & Skills to change the duration of classes from 35mins to 40 mins, the school timetable would change from the beginning of the new school year. Based on the wishes of the majority of students, parents & staff, next year's timetable would consist of 4 slightly longer days & a half day on Friday. T.Y. students would have work experience as usual on Friday.

T.Y. students intend to hold a 5K in the last term. Date is to be confirmed.

Rehearsals for the school musical, 'Mamma Mia', would generally be outside of class time.

Placement of Second Year students in Higher/Lower level classes would not be solely dependent on the results of First Year Summer Exams.

The possibility of providing supervised study would be discussed by staff but it had not been viable in past years due to student numbers dwindling as the weeks progressed.

It was decided that the next meeting be held on Thursday 4th May at 7.30.

**Parents wishing to contact the Parents Association may do so at
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