



Meeting Of Parents Association 14th February 2019

A meeting of the Parents Association took place in the school on Thursday 14th February 2019

Attendance:

Fiona Herbst, Patricia Orsi, Lorna Kemp, Grace Shiels, Eileen Mc Ateer, Noreen Mills & Helen Hayes Sweeney.

Margaret O Connor (Principal)

Apologies:

Margaret Black, Aoife Allison

Minutes:

The minutes of the previous meeting were distributed.

All minutes are available on the school website.

Matters Arising:

The submission for grant aid for 8 new classrooms on the site of existing pre-fabs, had been made to the Department of Education & Skills. A decision was now being awaited.

Re the issue of parking at the end of the school day: Gardaí had called to the school to observe traffic & parking on two occasions & submitted a report. The school was awaiting a response from Donegal Co. Council. The Principal would now email to say that parents were anxious for an update.

Correspondence:

A letter from the National Parents Council re contact details.

A letter from the Business Dept., Loreto thanking the Parents Association for their help at the Christmas Craft Fair.

Any Other Business:

The school is actively seeking to reduce 'Single Use Plastics' within the school to comply with legislation affecting schools & public offices. Any ideas would be welcome. The provision of filter taps in the school is being considered.

The Committee of the Parents association met with a group of teachers regarding how best to use the required class per week of 'Well-Being' from September 2019.

The assistance of the Parents Association may be required for a Transition Year fundraiser in May.

The increased emphasis on Career Guidance in Transition Year was welcomed. In future it was also proposed that 4th Years would have a 6/8 week slot of intensive Career Guidance.

New guidelines from the Financial Support Services Unit (FSSU) will mean some changes for Parents Association accounts.

Although Physical Education & Computer were now part of the Leaving Cert. curriculum nationally, teacher training & adequate supports had not been made available to schools which had undertaken the programmes. It had been decided that it would be unfair to students to roll out the subjects until these issues had been resolved.

The date for the next meeting is Thursday 2nd May at 7.30pm