

Meeting Of Parents Association 22nd November 2018

A meeting of the Parents Association took place in the school on Thursday 22nd November 2018

Attendance:

Fiona Herbst, Margaret Black, Patricia Orsi, Seamus Mc Bride, Lorna Kemp, Clive Doherty & Helen Hayes Sweeney.

John Lynch – Staff Member

Apologies:

Margaret O Connor (Principal), Helen Cannon

Minutes:

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

Matters Arising:

The issue of school transport for pupils from Kilmacrennan & the surrounding area has been resolved for the current school year- an ‘overflow’ bus had been provided but not a ‘route’. This meant that similar issues may arise next year. It was noted that these difficulties should be raised on Enrolment Night & that parents should ensure they have registered & paid for transport by the dates stated. It was also mentioned that Bus Éireann had brought forward dates for the second half-yearly payment & this may happen for the first payment for the next school year. Parents were urged to be vigilant in this regard.

It was also noted that the school was submitting an application for 8 new classrooms. Should this be approved, considering the overcrowding & limited capacity for expansion in the Letterkenny schools, this may strengthen the case for the aforementioned bus route to be formalised.

The Wi-Fi upgrade was almost complete. A sample of consent forms which may be sent out by individual teachers had been sent to parents.

Copies of the flyer outlining the functions of the Parents Association had not been handed out at the meeting for First Year parents but had been put up on the school’s Facebook page. These could be distributed at the Christmas Fair

Correspondence:

There had been no correspondence since the previous meeting.

Election of Officers:

As the Chairperson & Secretary were happy to remain in their respective roles for another year, the post of Treasurer needed to be filled.

Patricia Orsi was proposed by Helen Hayes Sweeney & seconded by Seamus Mc Bride.

Seamus Mc Bride also informed those present that a representative from the Parents Association, preferably male (for gender balance), would be needed to fill a vacancy on the Board of Management at the end of the school year. It was agreed to discuss this at the next meeting.

Parking:

The issue of parents collecting children from the staff car park had been raised by a staff member due to safety concerns. A parent had also raised the issue of buses 'double parking' & car parking close to the entrance to the staff car park. It was decided that this matter would be brought to the Board Of Management so that approaches might be made to bus drivers, Gardaí or Donegal Country County as appropriate, as those present shared the safety concerns raised.

Christmas Fair:

Ms Morrow had asked that members of the Parents Association provide home baking for the Fair & that some members would volunteer to help with refreshments. This was agreed. It was also agreed that the Parents Association would provide a prize of 100 euro for the Christmas Raffle.

Any Other Business:

A parent had raised the issue of younger boys being afraid to use the toilets due to older boys loitering there. This had been an issue for her son in the last school year. Mr Lynch said that increased supervision had taken place & the issue seemed to have been resolved but that if continued to be a problem for students, it would be looked at again.

The date for the next meeting is Thursday 14th February at 7.30pm