

Parents Association Meeting: Monday 10th February 2020 @ 8pm Venue: Junior School

Present: Geraldine Keogh (Chair), Michelle McDermott (Secretary), Ruth Prenderville, Loretto Martin, Aoife McDermott, Ms. Lennon **Apologies:** Ann-Marie Elliott, Ciara Perks, Marilyn Fitzsimons

Meeting Minutes: Minutes from previous meetings approved

Principals Report:

- Pupil numbers currently 368
- Junior Infants enrolment for 2020/2021 - numbers currently 33
- Interviews were held for temporary and maternity positions. Ms Ciara Caulfied will take over 4th class from mid-March. Ms. Nolan & Ms. M Egan will leave after mid-term. We wish them well for their maternity leave. Ms. Orla Darcy will take over in Senior Infants from 3rd March
- RSE classes will commence next week. Ms Hurley is available to meet with any parents to discuss these lessons. Please contact the office to arrange a suitable time to meet with Ms Hurley if required
- Well done to Ms Keddy & Ms Monaghan who recently completed **Droichead** induction course for newly appointed teachers.
- Spring Draw tickets will be issued in the coming week.
- An athlete with the Ireland Special Olympics team will visit the school over the coming weeks. Mr Keddy will send further details home regarding the visit and events planned for students during the visit.
- Thanks to all parents who returned the parent class request forms. Forms are still being accepted by Mr Keddy.
- Parents are reminded not to park on double yellow lines, footpaths, teacher designated spaces or on school grounds.
- Prefabs update: Architect is continuing to liaise with relevant prefab providers - New Build update: Project is on target.

Treasurers Report & Fundraising:

- Classes are finalising their art for the Images Art exhibition. Frames pictures will be available to purchase from the school in the coming weeks. Further details will be issued in due course.
- Many thanks to all who attended the Valentine's Day disco. It was another enjoyable and successful night. Details of profit will be provided at the next meeting.
- A school quiz will be held for all interested pupils before Easter break. Further details will be issued in the coming weeks.
- A reminder that the clothes collection will take place on 22nd April

NPC Report:

Drive for Resilience in Education. Some primary Principals have requested a short term suspension of the Irish language requirement to allow teachers trained in other countries to teach in short term mainstream positions. It is noted that this proposal was not fully supported by all principals. There is information on the Coronavirus on the NPC website - Report relating to recent study that found only a quarter of all school kids can run - Report on 8 ways to get a balance right when allowing kids use devices - Check website for full details www.npc.ie

A reminder that the mid-term break takes place Thursday 20th & Friday 21st February

Next Meeting will be held on Monday 9th March at 8pm in the Junior School. We would welcome all current and future parents to attend as new faces and new ideas are always welcome