



TEMPLE
CARRIG
SCHOOL

Parent Teacher Association 19th February 2018 - Minutes

Meeting Attendance: Elaine O'Brien, Alan Cox, Eoin Condon, Lianne Connolly, Louise Gaskin, John McGuinness, Robert Downey, Catherine Young, Amber Craughwell, Grainne Coleman, Brenda McParland, Pauline Dallaghan and Ken Kennedy

Meeting Apologies: Mark Lloyd, Fionnuala O'Hara; Eilish Dempsey; Caroline Galligan

1. Minutes from last meeting:

These were deemed read and approved.

They will be published on the PTA section of the TCG website.

Reiteration that the meetings will be held approximately every month. There will be an agenda issued one week before the meeting, please reply to the meeting invitation.

2. Correspondence:

3 item of correspondence to PTA mailbox –

1st was school related in relation to hockey

2nd was regarding logo for NoFryZone

3rd was issue with ipad covers breaking and this was dealt with by PTA with support from Wriggle who replaced the covers with the sturdy covers (rather than the purchased folio cases)

3. Financial Report:

€173 euro in the red (mulled wine cost)

4. Principal's Report/Feedback:

Another busy term ahead, school has to facilitate two ½ day closures and 1 full day for mandatory training. Monday 26th Feb and April 30th are the two half day closures and 6th March is full day closure.

New Website is live and looking wonderful - a huge thanks to Mr. Gavin O'Briain for his time and skill in getting it finished.

Student Life and Worries – a huge number of worries were identified by students, this is not just a TCG issue, it is a much broader problem that is crying out to be addressed nationwide. The TCG pastoral team is as always working feverishly to give assistance/guidance. Aim is to give the pupils the tools to cope with pressures.

5. Board of Management Report:

Happy with the ongoing fundraising efforts.

6. PTA Programme of Activities for 2017/2018

6.1. Building Community

EOB had conversation with a member of the St. David's PTA concerning a joint initiative and PTA talks. PTA open but early days yet. Possibly a 2018-19 project. Joint venture with St. David's – Alan to engage with St. David's again.

6.2. Supporting Parents

Suggestion of 2 talks (Spring and Autumn) - topics (Cyber, Alcohol & Drugs, Resilience)

BMcP contacted community Garda and he is to follow up with her (Alcohol & Drugs) School is hosting a talk on Internet safety and a talk on risks of synthetic drugs from Nicola Ryan.

BMcP made contact with someone in St. Patrick's mental health services who is to get back to her.

BMcP contacted Niamh Fitzpatrick (Psychologist) about talking to parents and kids about a number of issues that affect the young today – cost of €500 +vat...tbc

Suggestion that school send out email seeking some volunteer parent speakers who may want speak to the kids/parents about these types of worries.

Post info about upcoming free talks in Dun Laoghaire about self-esteem, etc.

Uniform

School does stock some pieces of uniform so parents don't need to go to Baltinglass.

Catherine/Cheryl will check stock levels and Elaine to get note added to PTA webpage.

Study Guide – Already online, note to be sent around to ensure parents are aware of it. Alan will also organize another talk for the pupils to ensure they are aware.

6.3. Fundraising Initiatives

Action plan drafted, individual items will be managed as it makes progress

- Annual Fair - TBC
- Tesco Bag pack – 21st/22nd September 2018
- TCG333 Club – to go ahead (accounts will be done by school, transparency will be ensured and 4 members of PTA will be involved, License number to be completed, Bank A/C setup already, SEPA will be completed by Catherine
- TCG 2018 Christmas Cards
- TCG 2019 Calendar
- Annual Golf Classic – see below

Golf Classic

Correspondence to be issued to parents around Golf Classic fundraiser on 27th April. Details and sponsors of Golf teams being gathered by Louise and Liza. Louise and Liza are the main contacts. More sponsors required.

Launch of GC proposed for end of Feb – info in the Wicklow Times. Greystones Guide etc.

Dinner and afternoon golf– almost sold out.

Morning golf slots available.

GC Raffle

PTA to organise a raffle open to all but Garda permit required – Subcommittee working on this:

- 10 main prizes to be printed on tickets and ideally broken down into 1st prize being family related, 2nd prize phone or console related.
- Other ideas of Hampers, Wines, Ipad etc.
- Letter to get local business' to sponsor raffle prize

- PTA raffle to be held in the school
- €2 per ticket or book of 6 for €10
- Ideally expand sale of tickets via local events that maybe on, maybe table in Tesco.

Letters to be set out to parents.

Tickets/Printing related to be checked- ideally tickets to be printed by 7th March

Golden ticket to be sold at dinner on night of golf classic

Auction

Main Items for auction secured – other required.

GC Promotion

Golf classic page setup off TCG main webpage to advertise the local business' sponsors over a 12 mth period.

Further pitches for selling tickets to be confirmed (asking Lidl/St. Patrick's Parade/Parish newsletter/SV/Tesco...etc) €2 each or €10 for book of 6.

Appeal to parents for help.

Facebook page/ social media profile to be generated – Elaine to talk to Caroline

7. Policy Review - NA

8. Any Other Business:

- 8.1. Smile solutions back in on Thurs 6th September – Mark/Jenny and Elaine to liaise closer to it

PTA meetings will rotate (Mon, Tues, Wed) throughout the year to accommodate other commitments.

Date of Next Meeting: Monday 12th March 2018 at 7.30pm (tea/coffee available from 7pm in the staff canteen)