



TEMPLE
CARRIG
SCHOOL

Parent Teacher Association

26th March 2019 - Minutes

Committee: Elaine O'Brien, Pauline Dallaghan, Eoin Condon, Carmel Kearney, Mary Daly, Brenda McParland, Grainne Coleman, Mark Lloyd, Lianne Connolly, Meg Elliot, Liam Sweeney, Louise Gaskin.

Teacher Reps: Rose Dillion(Abs), John McGuinness

BoM Reps: Alison Hyland(Abs), Liza Hynes

Principal Reps: Alan Cox(Abs), Catherine Young

Apologies: Caroline Galligan

1. **Correspondence:**

All concerned with the Tesco ticket sales schedule and dealt with by Elaine.

2. **Financial Report:**

We have over €7,000 including €4,959 raised so far by the golf classic.

Thanks to Rose for organising the students to sell tickets at the Rat Trap musical, which raised €780.

Thanks to all those who sold tickets at Tesco last week, which raised €800

3. **Board of Management Report:**

School places for 2020 have been offered, which included 91 siblings. We have 128 on a waiting list – in randomly assigned order.

The Board has approved giving students a half day on Fri 3rd so that both students and teachers can get involved in the golf classic.

Students taking part, will have permission to go straight to the golf club for 8:30 tee off.

4. **Teachers Report**

Thanks to all for their feedback on the wellbeing surveys.

Quiz night taking place tomorrow (27th March) with help from the students on the Jamaica project.

5. **PTA Programme of Activities - Supporting Parents**

• **Talks.**

Niamh Fitzpatrick talk is cancelled due to illness and planned to re-schedule next November
Prof. Lucy talk also cancelled and planned to re-schedule next October.

Colman Noctor confirmed for 2nd May.

Brenda to check with Ailbhe that it is ok to extend an invitation to the local primary schools.
If this is ok then, committee members will invite the schools as per Actions.

We plan to have an optional collection box at this event. Donations will be split between funding the talks, and a Charity.

- **Work Experience TY database.**

The Sub committee met up and the report from Liza is:

They plan to collate all information after speaking with Mr. Wallace and also including dates and details of businesses and colleges running TY programmes.

Plan to send out an email this week to Parents, asking for any relevant contacts

The sub committee will set up a separate mailbox for this communication

They expect to be finished by the end of this term, and the database will then remain an on-going work in progress as new information is added.

- **TY Interviews**

This was very successful and the general feedback from interviewers was that the students were very well prepared. Suggestion for next year from Liam would be that they allow for some more time for each interview, so that the interviewer has time to fill out some feedback before moving onto the next student.

- **Foundit**

After hearing how this system works from the company, Louise and Brenda (who have seen it in operation in Loreto Dalkey), we decided not to go ahead with this in TCG. We don't want the extra cost, we don't want the extra admin and mainly – we are trying to foster a sense of responsibility in the students.

- **Well-being for Parents**

Simon from the Chaplaincy team spoke with Elaine, and asked if we would be interested in setting up something with view to providing well-being support for parents. This might be something like a coffee morning, or drinks evening etc. All agreed that would be a good idea and Elaine to discuss with Simon.

6. PTA Programme of Activities - Fundraising Initiatives

Golf Classic

- Sponsorship letters have gone out. The response so far is slow so the plan is to follow this up with phonecalls.
- The number of golf teams is low, so all are asked to promote this.
- Catherine brought along some posters, which were circulated for putting up in Golf clubs, Shoreline, Library, Schools and Churches.
- We also plan to get the event promoted on Greystones open forum and on Greystones Guide.
- Members were asked to post the reminder on each of the years Whatsapp groups.

Raffle Team

- Carmel has agreed to manage this team and co-ordinate our effort – Thanks Carmel.
- There are still many businesses on the spreadsheet that are not assigned, We've asked if everyone can please take a few more and we are aiming to have all prizes in by Thursday 11th April.
- Ticket sales are taking place in Supervalu Charlsland 6th April and Supervalu Greystones 13th April. We need to assign someone to open up and to close up each of these days. Grainne to open on 6th April. Carmel to ask Martina to open up on 13th April and Pauline will do the last hour and take-down on both days.
- We are still missing volunteers for a couple of slots, so Carmel will send another reminder to see if we can fill these. Otherwise, Eoin has kindly offered to fill in.
- We decided that we would give 2 books per student instead of 2 per family.
- Tickets to go out from 3rd to 10th April.

- Lianne, Pauline, Liam and Mary to fill in tickets for those already sold and keep tab of how many sold by each seller.

Other Fundraising

- We all agreed that we are happy to sponsor a prize for Art Week from the money that is raised from the blue token collection in May. Elaine had offered this suggestion to the Art teacher Adelle.
- Clothing collection confirmed for week of 13th May. Elaine to include this in the newsletter.

7. Policy Review:

Documents are now available. Everyone is asked to select approx. 2 policies to read. It is hoped that we can cover all policies by doing this. Feedback is requested by the end of April. Elaine will put up a spreadsheet on our sharepoint where we can select the policies we plan to review.

8. Newsletter

Items for Newsletter this week.

Raffle/Golf Classic, Talk, Responsibility for lost property etc, encouragement and thanks for fees payments, reminder about using vsware. Clothing Collection reminder.

***** Thanks to all for making the effort to come along to the meeting, we had a great turn out.**

Next meeting is Scheduled for:

❖ **Tuesday 30th April**

We will be organising prizes at this meeting also

With Wrap-up meeting Scheduled for:

❖ **Monday 20th May**

(tea/coffee available from 7pm in the staff canteen)