



TEMPLE
CARRIG
SCHOOL

Parent Teacher Association

20th November 2018 - Minutes

Committee: Elaine O'Brien, Brenda McParland, Pauline Dallaghan, Catherine Young, Grainne Coleman, Alan Cox, Eoin Condon, Liam Sweeney, Lianne Connolly, Mary Daly

Teacher Reps: John McGuinness, Rose Dillion (Abs)

BoM Reps: Liza Hynes, Alison Hyland (Abs)

Wellness Committee: Ailbhe McCarthy

Appologies: Caroline Galligan, Carmel Kearney, Louise Gaskin, Mark Lloyd, Meg Elliot

1. Welcome

Elaine welcomed everyone and asked that we all please continue to confirm our attendance before each meeting so that we know in advance whether we have a quorum (9 people).

2. Correspondence:

PTA received an update from "No fryzone 4 kids" committee to let us know the following: The Joint Oireachtas committee issued a report last week on tackling childhood obesity. One of the 20 recommendations is that the Government consider measures to prevent new fast-food outlets within a defined vicinity of schools and that they consider the definition of "fast-food". It's considered by the "No fryzone" committee to be a step in the right direction.

Other correspondence will be dealt with in AOB below (changing rooms, bus, uniforms)

3. TCG Wellbeing Programme

Ailbhe McCarthy presented a fabulous summary of what's been happening.

We have 28 teachers involved on the main committee and sub-committees (this is 5 weeks old)

Summary of initiatives:

- Thursday talks
- LGBT club
- Setting up of Senior and Junior student well-being committees
- Plan to survey Parents/Teachers/Students, Survey to be ready by Christmas
- Wellbeing week planned 4th – 8th March (to include Wellfest day)
- Aim to achieve a Wellbeing Amber flag for the School (issued by Pieta House)

Areas where Ailbhe could use our help are: Suggestions for the Parent's Survey and information about speakers. (See actions)

4. Financial Report:

€1,385.34c raised from Tesco Bag pack in Sept 2018.

Approx. €280 expected from Liberty for clothes re-cycling bags.

The clothes re-cycling is on-going, and bags can be left into the School at any stage. We plan to arrange another drive at getting bags in the Spring.

Principal's Financial Report

Alan circulated details of PTA funding objectives for 2018/2019

In Summary:

- PTA total fundraising target/challenge is €32,000
- This is made up of €12,000 to go towards running costs (as detailed on the request handout) and €20,000 to go towards the Capital fund and in particular, the project to Astro turf the Basketball court.
- Last year's income was spent in a similar fashion; €12,000 went towards running costs, €3,000 went towards Capital projects, the main project being the reclaiming and drainage of the Horticultural area. The remaining €3,000 will be used to help finance Capital projects this year.
- We agreed that it is very important that we give parents, and anyone else involved in fund-raising, a clear picture of where the money will go. This year it will be those 2 areas: Running costs and Astro Court

Our extra-curricular activities are excellent but do cost the school more than the parents are currently charged. TCG will need to look at a longer-term strategy to be able to sustain this and may have to consider an increased extra-curricular fee.

5. Principal's Report/Feedback:

Careers Fair – This was a huge success.

Play "beneath the leaves" – which ran last week, was a fantastic production and audiences loved it. Well done to all involved

Stand up week – Directed against homo-phobic bullying went down very well, especially the teacher who spoke at assembly, who was very brave, insightful and inspirational for the students.

Evening Study – Is up and running very successfully.

School policy – Alan, along with Deborah Creen and Wendy Gilmore are working on a policy review.

Theme for the year – RESPONSIBILITY. Catherine can receive over 40 items a day dropped in for students! It was agreed by all that in order to foster a better sense of responsibility for packing everything, we should not facilitate this any longer. Alan will give some advance warning to parents and students and we aim to change the policy in the new year.

6. Board of Management Report:

Lisa brought up the issues with the 184 bus at the BOM meeting.

Admissions policy

The government announced a Bill re school admissions, which has delayed the publication of our new admissions (2020) policy. It is now with the Archbishop and expected to be signed off shortly.

Siblings will have top priority.

It is expected that this will be circulated, and places allocated before half term in spring (possibly in February)

7. Teachers Report

John/Rose checked with the teachers if they had anything to report/raise at the meeting – Nothing at the moment.

8. PTA Programme of Activities - Building Community

Brenda spoke to the chairperson of St. Kevin's school PTA, who had contacted us to see if they could get involved with our talks for parents. Alan is delighted to get positive links established between the schools. He'll phone the principal and then aim to invite their parents to our next talk, (Jim Lucey). Longer term, we may extend this invitation to other schools and investigate collaborating with St. Kevin's and/or other schools in setting up future talks.

9. PTA Programme of Activities - Supporting Parents

- Alan will talk to Jim Lucey to re-arrange talk.
- Brenda will follow up with Niamh Fitzpatrick to re-schedule her talk for the beginning of the 3rd term.
- Work Experience – Brenda had a great idea to put together a list of potential work experience offers from our own TCG parents. This could be used by our TY students to help them find relevant places. Alan will run the idea by TY head Peter Wallace.

10. PTA Programme of Activities - Fundraising Initiatives

10.1. Golf Classic

We confirmed the date as Friday 3rd May 2019

The first thing that needs to happen ASAP is getting the sponsorship letters out.

Lisa/Catherine have a list of people to include, plus we will ask the parents.

Plan is to get these letters out before the end of November.

Alan will apply for the license for the raffle

We asked all committee members to think about what area of the Golf Classic organisation they would like to be involved in.

Areas: Sponsorship
Raffle
Golf on the day
Social Evening

This event was a huge success last year. Two things to note; 1. We should try and get more teams out on the 9 hole in the morning. 2. Cash is always preferable to prizes, as we had plenty of prizes last year.

Lisa will produce a time-line of when other tasks need to be done before the next meeting.

10.2. TCG 333 Club

- It was agreed that we go ahead with this (Alan confirmed that the BOM are happy with this too)
- We will use Software to do the draw
- We need to produce Launch Literature which stresses what the money is for
- The kind of return will be: profit of €5,000 PA with 100 members (which is the minimum needed)
- Eoin planning to launch this in Feb/March
- There will be 14 draws per year (one per month and extra ones at Christmas and June)
- There will be 12 contributions of €10 payable by Direct Debit only

- We need a separate committee to run the club (Monthly tasks will be: Generate Sepa file, Post this to on-line banking, Do the draw, Send out the prizes)
- Eoin will propose the roles needed and outline what each person would do
- Everything needs to be prepared by January and Eoin thinks this is achievable.

10.3. Other Fundraising Initiatives

We discussed the rest of the proposed list of fundraising ideas.

Bag Pack -	Done
Blue Tokens -	Done (Spring)
24h Hockey Match -	Going to be a school event
Candle lit walk -	Possible idea for Mustard seed

Alan had an idea that we get one house per year to organise an event. The first one could be afternoon tea in Tinakilly house organised by – Tinakilly!
We will possibly organise this in the spring.

All other fundraising ideas can stay on the list and may be re-visited in the future.

11. Any Other Business:

- 11.1. **Changing rooms.** Room has been converted which Elaine, Lianne and Alan viewed and are happy with. Alan is in the process of getting quotes for portable toilet facilities for within these rooms and for portacabins with the possibility of being used as changing rooms too.
- 11.2. **184 Bus issues.** Elaine has drafted a letter to send to Go-Ahead Ireland.
- 11.3. **Uniform Shop.** Still get some questions about this. Items are available in the office (Tues and Thurs Lunchtime). Anything not in stock can be ordered. All we can do is tell parents this periodically.
- 11.4. **TY Exchange.** We have a French and German exchange in place. Alan said that they have been in contact with a few schools in Spain to try and get something organised, but none have been suitable so far.
- 11.5. **Upcoming Events**
Carol Service Thurs 20th Dec.
PTA will supply Pies and Mulled wine. Elaine will put out a request for helpers with serving this from our list of volunteers from the AGM. Lianne, Mary and Mark will check with Ken where/what was bought last year (including hiring glasses) and will also see what needs to be ordered and let Catherine know. (We are out of cups)
- 11.6. Next Newsletter to go out 1st week in December by Elaine/Caroline.
- 11.7. Garda Vetting. If anyone has still not completed their forms, please do so ASAP

12. Date of Next Meeting: **Wed 9th Jan 2019 7.30pm** (tea/coffee available from 7pm in the staffroom).