



TEMPLE
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Parent Teacher Association 15th May 2018 - Minutes

Meeting Attendance: Elaine O'Brien, Brenda McParland, Eoin Condon, Louise Gaskin, Mark Lloyd, Grainne Coleman, Pauline Dallaghan, Caroline Galligan, Ken Kennedy, Rose Dillon, Eilish Dempsey, Liza Hynes, Amber Craughwell, Alan Cox and Catherine Young.

Meeting Apologies: Lianne Connolly, Fionnuala O'Hara, John McGuinness and Robert Downey.

1. Minutes from last meeting:
These were deemed read and approved.
They will be published on the PTA section of the TCG website.
2. PTA Programme of Activities for 2017-2018 - Report and Review

Golf Classic - Friday 27th April

a. Feedback

Louise and Liza reported on the Golf Classic. They expressed their gratitude to all involved. The golf went well with 18 teams, 5 of which were ladies teams. 23 students were involved in the golf teams.

b. What worked well

The evening dinner was a huge success in terms of providing a social evening for parents and teachers and the school community. The Golden Ticket Raffle and Auction were very well supported. The Prosecco Van provided an ideal drinks reception in the sun to start the evening off on the right note.

c. Improvement ideas

Louise said if we are running it again she would advise an earlier tee off time of 1.30pm.

d. Finances by sub event: Ticket Sales; Sponsorship; Main Raffle; Golden Ticket Raffle; Auction
The Golf Classic raised 18,000 euro. Louise and Liza are currently chasing monies owed. The monies raised will go towards extra astroturf area, additional sound equipment for the hall, resources for the science and agricultural/horticultural area on the grounds of the school. Louise and Liza remarked that some companies are already allocating sponsorship budgets.

e. Capturing project plan, resources and documentation on project

Elaine, Liza and Louise will meet to document the Golf Classic Project Management of Golf, Dinner, Raffle etc.

f. Promotion

Alan decided with the PTA that due to the phenomenal success of the Golf Classic we should run it again next year.

Suggested dates for the Golf Classic 2019 are as follows: 5 April (first choice), 12 April (second choice), 10 May (third choice)... 3 May also to be considered as weekd following Easter break.

Capture of parental feedback from WA groups and emails to include anonymous quotes on website and promote events for next year.

g. Acknowledgements

Sponsors' logos will be added to the TCG website – Catherine will liaise with the Gavin O'Briain on this item.

Sponsors will receive a bespoke printed thank you notes from the members of the PTA involved with sponsors. PTA required to action this item asap and to include the proposed date for next year so if companies are allocating budgets we can be included and inform potential sponsors before 31st Oct as tax deductible option.

TCG Talks Series – Mr. John Lonergan Talk Monday 14th May

a. Feedback

John Lonergan, Former Governor of Mountjoy Prison, Dublin presented his talk 'Raising Your Children in Ireland Today' to an audience of approximately 150 parents of TCG.

b. What worked well

His talk was captivating, amusing and thoroughly enjoyable. It was acknowledged that the talk was a huge success in terms of inspiring and supporting parents of students at TCG. Proposed that John Lonergan would come and speak with pupils.

Two further talks are scheduled for TCG parents in the autumn term.

3. PTA Programme of Activities for 2017-2018 (incorporating action list)

3.1. Building Community & Supporting Parents

Longer term, it is an aspiration that TCG could share the costs of hosting talks with other schools in the Greystones/Kilcoole area building community spirit such as St David's and CCA Kilcoole. Elaine has approached St. David's PTA about this.

3.2. Fundraising Initiatives

a) TCG333 prize draw – EC

The 333 club was approved by the PTA. Catherine will be working on the details of the scheme constitution etc. with Eoin, Ken, Board of Management and Principal. This initiative will be launched in September/October 2018.

b) Review of calendar of initiatives & smaller projects – discussion deferred to Sept 2018

c) TCG Community Social Event

Following lots of discussion it was agreed that a 'clubs' day showcasing all the clubs and activities of the school, with stalls hosted by students, and a family barbeque might be a good format for a community event at the school. It was agreed that the Student Council and students would be consulted for ideas by the teachers on PTA. The event may take place on a Friday evening between 7-9pm. The date of Friday 28th September was proposed.

3.3. PTA PR & Newsletter – CG

Promotion of Speakers/School for next term 1 – in August/September newsletter and promotion of Tesco Backpack 21st and 22nd Sept.

Promotion dates for the next school calendar/newsletter – Smiles Solutions will visit the school on 6th September 2018 with a special offer on mouthguards for sport as before to interested pupils.

4. Correspondence:

There were some emails referring to the success of the golf classic and the TCG Talks series. All have been acknowledged.

5. Financial Report:
Approx €18,000 in credit
6. Principal's Report/Feedback:
Alan thanked the PTA and all parents for bearing with the school in a difficult year of closures due to storms, extreme weather, CPD with teachers absent etc. He thanked PTA parents for their patience. He wanted the PTA to know that the teachers in the school praised the PTA this year and said that the PTA had 'got everything just right'. He extended his sincere thanks and thanks from the teachers. Staff enjoyed the golf and social evening and opportunity to meet parents in an informal social setting.
7. Board of Management Report:
Admissions working well in the higher years of the school.
Parents requested TY Feedback – the pros, the cons of TY
8. School Development Fund Report & Feedback:
Alan welcomed another secondary school in Greystones. However, he hoped it would not delay a possible extension to TCG.
9. Policy Review - NA
10. Any Other Business (incorporating action list)
 - 10.1. PTA 2017-18
Elaine thanked all members of PTA for their dedication, support, team work and hard work for the school.
 - 10.2. PTA 2018-19
Elaine asked members to consider their membership and/or future positions on the PTA in advance of the AGM on 27 September. The PTA will meet in early September.
11. Review of actions not already covered
12. Date and location of next meeting (early Sept TBC) and TCG PTA AGM Thursday 27th September.