

Parents Association AGM Minutes
28th September 2022 7.30pm
St. Brigid's Primary School

Attendance: Linda Lambert, Mary Wilson, Niamh Cullagh, Claire Hall, Lorraine Moran, Tara Carroll, Ms. Hennelly, Brenda Byrne, Florence, Isha & Afusatu

Apologies: Mr. Fleming

Chairperson Address: The chair welcomed and thanked everyone for attending the AGM meeting. The Parents Association had a very good year last year. The PA were able to get involved with Fun Runs, Easter Raffle, Book Fair etc. and it was great to be back to “normal” after 2 years of covid. We had a new fund-raising initiative with the clothes recycling run held earlier this year, which was a great success!

Treasurers Report: The full Treasures Report income and expenditure was presented and a copy of the report was provided for everyone who attended the meeting. The report itemised the credits coming in such as Christmas card profits, Clothes for cash, Easter raffle, Credit Union Grant etc. The expenditure included the PA annual insurance, National Parents council membership, PA donation to the cocoon swing, climbing wall (credit union grant), new PA laptop, hoodies for 6th class and a collective cost for items such as teas & coffees, Ice lollies, flowers, vouchers, postage, hampers etc. The treasurer noted how prices have doubled in the last year for the collective item's tea/coffee etc. than in previous years.

The balance going forward into the new school year 2022 is €3,281.00

It was also note, the PA should always carry a balance in the credit union of €1500-€2000

The credit union charter – the credit union require a report which includes PA minutes. This must be presented to the credit union. This will be done by the new PA committee.

Nominations & election of the new Parents Association Committee:

The chairperson Linda thanked the committee for all their work and input throughout the last 3 years. All the PA committee stepped down from their current roles. The voting of the PA committee took place. For each position a person's name was proposed and seconded by another person who attended the AGM meeting. The new PA committee is listed below, and congratulations to all new members in their new roles.

Chairperson: Niamh Cullagh

Vice Chairperson: Lorraine Moran

Secretary: Claire Hall
Vice Secretary: Linda Lambert
Treasurer: Brenda Byrne
Vice Treasurer: Mary Wilson
PRO: Tara Carroll

Once the committee was voted in, a special thank you to our out-going chair Linda for all her work, dedication, and good humour over the past 3 years. It was very much appreciated, especially the 2 years during covid restrictions / guidelines.

Ms. Hennelly's Address:

Firstly, thank you to the out-going committee for all the work they put in. The PA contributions are all very valuable to the school such as the cocoon swing, climbing walls, reduced price of hoodies for the 6th class students etc.

Secondly, congratulations and best of luck to the newly voted in PA committee.

- Big difference returning to school this term without covid restrictions / guidelines.
- It is great to have parents back in the school, especially with the return of maths for fun for some of the presentation building classes later this year, fun runs when they start back also.
- Time to read. This is done through Kildare Village. Volunteers are trained up and it is usually a 12-week time frame. Both volunteers and children love it.
- Better Basics. This is done through the library, again it is volunteer based.
- Local History trails – teachers worked on local history trails, which the children will enjoy. We are very lucky to have such trails on our door step.
- Ms. Hennelly acknowledged all the work the Board of Management (BOM) do for the school; extra cleaning will continue in the school during the winter months to help keep covid-19 at bay. The BOM have invested heavily in technology for the school.
- Activities have started back, currently 3rd class have swimming lessons. Hurling and camogie have started along with the school choir and school band. There is great work & time that goes into all the activities throughout the school.

AOB:

- The PA thanked the school for all their support during each school term. It is much appreciated.
- Going forward the PA would like more parents to volunteer whenever possible.

Next PA meeting 3rd October 2022