

Parents Advisory Council  
Loreto College Mullingar

Minutes March 2nd 2017

Apologies: Noeleen Maloney, Catriona Fidgeon

Attendees: Breda Ward Mary Reilly Irene Fallon Tracey O fiach Charlotte Maguire Anne Shaw Sally Ann O Donnell Aine Killalea Sheila Flanagan Tracy Johnston Marese Bell

Chairperson Sally Ann O Donnell welcomed all to the meeting.

Minutes: the minutes of the last meeting were read and adopted.

Principals Report: Ms. Bell read her report which listed the huge number of activities and initiatives taking place in the school this month.

Talks: The talk by Fergus Heffernan was confirmed for the 9<sup>th</sup> March. The Pac are to organize refreshments for after the talk which will all take place in the concert Hall. This would benefit any of the attendees who might like the opportunity to speak to Mr. Heffernan afterwards. A dedicated text message will go out to all of the parents and the students will be asked to encourage their parents to attend to ensure as large a crowd as possible. A note is to go into the parish leaflet also.

There are to be year head meetings in the school to address the issue of personal responsibility and self-awareness. This is in light of the recent thefts which have taken place, especially among the first years.

In light of this a funding request for additional lockers to be installed outside the gym area was confirmed. A price of 1880 euro approximately was received for 4 door lockers with padlocks. A cheque will be issued for this at the next meeting. Sally-Ann proposed this was to go ahead and Breda seconded it. Hopefully this will make a big difference to the security issues.

A request was received from the Students Council for 2 microwaves for heating student's lunches. This was agreed to. (The request for a kettle was not agreed however due to 'safety issues'.) It was suggested that a local shop which supported the school might be the place to purchase these. Tracey O Fiach is to look into buying them as soon as possible.

A funding request was also received from the Science department for 2 balance machines (which record masses) at a price of 302 euro each incl vat. The Pac agreed to buy these.

The Uniform voucher draw took place and the name of the winner will be announced in the school.

The Spring Raffle will go ahead and the girls will be given the cards after Easter. Sally Ann is to organize the permit. After much discussion it was agreed to order the cards from the Topic as usual as this was considered the most convenient.

The pt. meeting took place on March 2nd and the parents advisory Council received 406 e in voluntary contributions. The next and last pt. meeting will be held on 15th March. Tracy Johnston and Mary Reilly will man the Pac table.

Credit Union: It was decided to apply for the credit union grant worth 400e as we do apply each year. This year it was decided to apply for 'sports lockers/ Library funds as part of our application. Sally Ann will do this.

The treasures Report: Charlotte and Tracey gave the treasurers report. There was no income in the month of Feb. We gave out funds for the uniform voucher and for a toaster. Tracy j received a cheque for Linda s Gift. The pt. meeting on March 2nd did bring in 406 euros however bringing our balance to 7,700.40 euros.

The Shed: Tracy Johnston reported that the shed would make a bench for outside for the girls and a small donation would be made by the Pac. It was agreed to ask for 2 benches and a bird table (perhaps). Tracy will confirm this and give the Shed the go ahead. A donation of 200 was suggested and will be confirmed.

Sally Ann and Tracy are to look at picnic benches also and will come back with a price for these.

It was noted that the Board of Management received the updated child Protection Policy 2017.

AOB: Sally Ann attended the Loreto Network Day on Feb 4<sup>th</sup> and reported back to the Pac on its interesting and inspirational talks. She thanked Ms. Bell for this opportunity to attend.

Aine Killalea suggested the Pac sponsor Karla Cunningham, a Loreto student, who has qualified for the Special Olympics. The Pac agreed and would like to fund some or part of her 'journey'. Aine will come back to us at the next meeting with further information.

The next meeting will be on April 6 th

