

St Fiaccs Parents' Association Council

Minutes of meeting held on Friday 21st February 2023

1. In attendance:

James Shannon (Chairperson), Olayinka Kokumo (Treasurer), Catherine Treacy, Harrette E., Aodhagan O Suilleabhain, Kirsty Fleming, Dyane Murray, Trevor and Lerato Ncube, Tomiwa Odumefun, Amarachi and Chukwudi Mbachu, Maria L, Montse Ruiz,

2. Minutes of previous Parents' Council Meeting

Last meeting minutes were read out and discussed amongst PA association group.

3. Matters arising from the minutes.

We agreed that we could commence Art class for students to attend as part of an afterschool event to take part in where students can learn new skills and explore their interest. It was agreed that any service provider would have to be a paid professional, paid from PA funds initially, but money would be collected from the students availing of the service. Parents could be asked to help supervise, but they would need to be Garda vetted. Classes could commence after Easter. It was suggested that the classes would be €5 each from PA finances and an additional approx. €150 will come from PA finances to purchase any equipments and stationary needed for the classes. Montse Ruiz volunteered to do these classes and there was also a suggestion from one of the school teachers to do so too, the children will pay a fee €3 per child, Mr Brennan will be in touch with a start date and further information. These classes could possibly be held on Fridays after school. We will also enquire with Mr Brennan about insurance cover during this time.

4. Correspondence

Sarah-Jane Carr confirmed that she and Corina Mayling are on the Albs committee for the Parents' Association. They sort confirmation albs for St Fiaccs and other schools. Sarah can be contacted about this.

5. Finance report

The current balance is €3550.70, No change.

6. Fundraising

1. Ukrainian Bus Tour

It was agreed amongst members that this will no longer be going ahead due to issues raised in the previous meeting

2. Easter Draw

The following was agreed regarding this year's Easter Draw:

- Cards would be designed for the Easter Draw (10 lines at €2 each). Aodhagan has made a draft for this and will send it on to the secretary for copying and distribution to students once approved. Students will not be required to complete a full sheet but can obtain another if desired. Students will get the raffles made for early next week March 3rd and they will be out for March 6th, they will then be collected on Friday March 24th. The Easter draw will be held on the 29th March Wednesday

There was list of 13 prizes to collect by possible contributors which were sourced by James and Aodhagan and were read out during the meeting.

- Mr Brennan was asked to name a need for the school and came up with the need for approx 8 new school tablets for the students with consideration that some of the funds raised would be used to provide funds for other Parent Association contributions such as the school tours and Sixth class graduation.
- We also discussed contacting Coleman Cycles to confirm the size of a bike which may be put forward as a possible prize to be won by a lucky student. There will be an enquiry as to whether the bike will be unisex or specifically male/female appropriate.

3. Sixth Class Graduation

As part of the sixth class graduation it was recommended that the teachers of 6th class could get hoodies with the student's names on them and that the students would get t-shirts. Maria and Trevor will shop around for prices that would best suit the school. They will be comparing prices at iZap, Printmania, and a Justa Sign beside the school to see which would come out more cost effective. A bake sale will be organised again this year for May to cover the cost. A note regarding nuts should accompany any advertising for the bake sale.

7. New Parents' Association Committee

The next Parents Council Meeting will take place 21st March

8. AOB

Other issues discussed included:

- The schools' purchase of the buildings adjacent to the school and their intended use.
- The tidying up of the hedge at the Aldi entrance.