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Minutes AGM 7th October 2024

Meeting opened with a one-minute silence for Emiliia Hensitska.

Agenda

- Welcome
- Summary of 2023 AGM minutes & approve
- Role of the Parents Association for new parents
- Sept 2023 to Sept 2024 Year in review:
 - Review of College policies
 - Uniform sales
 - Mock interviews
 - Debs
 - Learning support
 - Talks for parents
 - Plant sale & raffle
 - College extension
 - PA committee reviews
- Thank you
- Treasurers Report
- Re-election of Chairperson of the PA
- Update John Cronin – Principal
- Chairpersons address
- School Musical
- AOB

John Goodwin introduction

- As the 2023 minutes has been distributed by email in advance of the meeting they were taken as read, and as no objections were received, the minutes were approved.
- On the role of the PA the following were highlight
 - Parents were invited to communicate any topics they would like to hear more on or if they had heard of speakers in other schools/clubs that would be of interest to CCC to let PA know..
 - The plan is to organise a talk before Christmas and one after Christmas
 - Parents were invited to share their email address if they would like to get involved as the PA cannot get them directly from the school due to data protection
 - Parent volunteers were invited for





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- Mock interviews
 - Reader for exams
 - Policy review
 - Musical
 - Plant sale – main fundraiser
- The polices reviewed during the year were mentioned as was the support the PA gave to the tender process for the school uniforms.
 - Uniform sales raised €3,767 in total. PA will donate some to Pieta House and the PA to select a local charity that could really benefit from some of the funds raised from this sale. Parents invited to suggest local charities.
 - Mock interviews – invite parents to get involved 39 students interviewed last year.
 - Debs held in September in Carnegie Hotel in Swords
 - 23 parents involve in learning support activities throughout the years especially readers for house and mock exams.
 - Two parental talks took place during the year Glenna Benson presenting a talk on how as parents through communication can help their children deal with stress, anxiety and social media and The Gardai gave a talk to parents on the concerns of drug related intimidation to children.
 - The plant sale and raffle was a great success this year with income of €77k and a profit of €43k up €9k (25% on 2023). 134 parents and friends of the College helped out along with circa 40 students in te college
 - PA donated €40,000 to the school from Plant sale 2024 that will be spent on
 - School Musical
 - New PCs
 - Refurbishment works in library, toilets and reception.
 - The Chair encouraged parents to support local businesses who support/sponsor the Plant Sale and Raffle
 - The chair mentioned that there is still opportunity to increase funds from the raffle and plant sale along with making enhancements and improvements, a list of these is included within the presentations.
 - The Chair also stressed the need for an owner(s) for the Raffle
 - College extension – Parent encouraged to lobby TDs and election candidates prior to general election on urgency of the modular and permanent building extension. He mentioned that we have very prominent politicians / ministers in the constituency and the PA to use their numbers to put pressure on to keep up the momentum. Also to mention the lack of outdoor playing facilities in the College and the requirement for funding for them.





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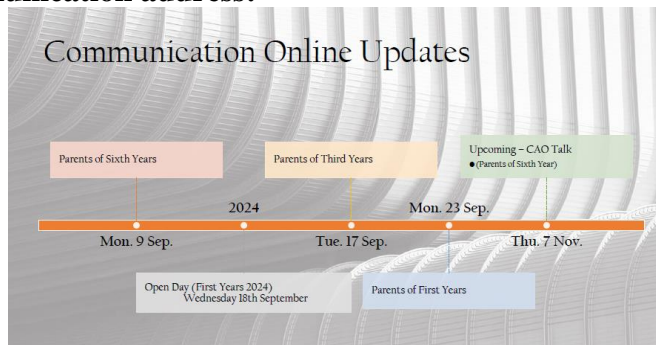
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- There were a number of reviews done during the year with the updated PA Constitution and the election of more officers to improve governance and get more things done.
- The Chair also thanked the Officers of the PA, Mr Cronin and his team and all the parents who devote their time to the various PA activities and to those who take the lead with these activities throughout the year. The PA also hosted a parents night in early June as a small thank you for the parents support during the year.
- The Treasurer Natalia Andreeva gave an update on the income and expenditure for the year, with the cash balance increasing €1,471 on prior year. Natalia also mentioned sponsorship of circa €1k was due in with some outstanding bills to be paid in relation to the parents night. and the donation of funds from the uniform sale to charities.

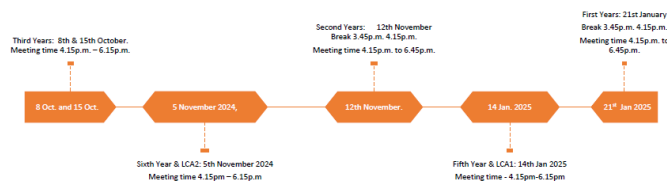
John Cronin Update

Communication address:



- Parent teacher meetings

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Policy reviews

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- Bi Cineálta - A new policy on bullying in schools.
- Suspension & Exclusion Policy
- Substance Abuse Policy
- SPHE & RSE
- Learning & Language Support Policy

Admissions policy update

- 240 places available for 2025/2026 academic year.
- No other change to policy.

Details on how money from school account spent

Purchase of 30 Computers Room 26	757	S0115	School Parents Association	16,323.18
Upgrade of Library & Bathrooms	757	S0115	School Parents Association	14,471.25
Refurbishment of Reception Area	757	S0115	School Parents Association	618.58
Aruba Wi-Fi Upgrade	757	S0115	School Parents Association	10,000.00

- Sister act the music
- Hoping to break even this year and in future years will be a fundraising event.
- Volunteers needed for musical
 - 1 for tuck shop
 - 2 Ushers
 - 2 supervise checking tickers
 - 4 in car park
 - 4 to sell raffle tickets

Chairpersons Address:

- Thank you to all the volunteers.
- Continue to grow the PA membership and participation and as a part of this we plan on having a 1st Year parents coffee morning early in the new school year. Depending on the success of it we may explore this with other years.
- Sign the sheets at the door so we can get your contact details





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- Monitoring the school extension progress and supporting the college in whatever way to ensure its completion in a timely manner. Raise with local politicians during canvassing for the General Election.
- Continue to grow the Plant Sale and Raffle as opportunity still exists.
- The PA is also going to explore the opportunities of additional fund raising and the feasibility of a strategic project that will benefit the college and the local community. This is something that the PA feel passionately about, and we also had a brainstorm session with parents on same during the academic year. There are grants available through the Sports Capital and Equipment programme (SCEP) However, it will require a strong Committee to explore the opportunities and make it happen. Mention to Politicians
- Let us know of ideas and what You would like from the PA
- Please Volunteer for the various Groups its very rewarding and good fun.

Meeting concluded with inviting parent to sign sheet at entrance and reminder of coffee morning for 1st year parent on Friday 11th October.

Next meeting 4th November at 7.30pm

