
AGENDA & MINUTES

Mercy College Parents Association

28.3.2022

Welcome & Apologies:

Items for Discussion:

- a) Matters arising from meeting of January 2022
- b) AoB

PTA: WhatsApp group (083 176 9676)

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MATTERS ARISING:

MG advised PTA members of the study skills & resilience session provided by Mr Sean Mc Nally to Transition year students and the intention Principal to enlist gain for other student cohorts in the new academic year.

MG advised of the activities that are currently being supported by Sligo Sports Partnership (e.g. kayaking, rowing, orientating, girls active programme, sailing courses & supports for students with special needs)

Students council reported they were currently not in need of support from the PTA.

MG advised that a ROAD Safety talk was being provided to students and that the PTA could avail of if warranted also.

ISSUES DISCUSSED

- Role of social media in informing parents of ongoing events and serving as a communication tool/ current Mercy college Instagram pages
- Plans for School App which will enhance current school communication channels.
- Social event for new parents.
- Recognising teachers work during academic year.
- Provision of breakfasts for leaving certificate students.
- Second-hand books/ uniforms-mechanism for sharing resources.
- Capturing parents' skills set
- Letter box outside Ms Gorby's office
- Receipts for cash payments
- Student activities and role parents play in brining forward ideas.
- Current fundraising initiative
- Potential low key parents' social event early in new academic year

Actions:

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1. Deputy principal (DP) to text parents to raise their awareness of the current fundraising initiative *"In for a penny, in for a pound"*.
2. Deputy principal to explore if all parental texts are being received as some parents reported they had not received a text on this initiative previously although a text had been sent circa March 14th.
3. Deputy principal to discuss with the Principal if members of the PTA could provide some refreshments and introduce the PTA to the parents of new students planned for May.
4. PTA to organise a Teachers Appreciation Breakfast to recognise their contribution during the academic year. A date for same to be agreed with the principal.
5. The feasibility of hosting an initiative where used books and uniforms could be shared among parents to be explored for late June.
6. Parents to be texted to ascertain their willingness to share skill set with the most immediate benefit of interviewing skills.
7. DP to clarify situation around issuing of receipts for cash payments and feasibility of a mailbox outside Ms Gorby's office
8. MG to compile text for DP seeking skill set of parents.

Dear Parents,

The school is seeking parents who have experience conducting interviews to WhatsApp the PTA group, if they are willing to be conduct interviews with transition year students next year. The PTA would also love to hear from any parents/guardians who have any other skills/ talents which they believe would support the school/ parents

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