

Mercy PA 07.11.22

Attending

Joanne Preston, Linda Lee, Yvonne Heron, Tara Tancred, Mary Foley, Olivia O Hanlon, Marcella Kelly, Sheila Foley, Michele Glacken, Julie Ellwood, Anne Gorby

1. Enrolment evening – Thursday 10th November. Presence of parents required for tea/coffee and general enquiries/chat. Refreshments in the HE room. Evening in 2 blocks 6:00-7:30 and 7:30-9:00. Whatsapp message to fill the time slots.
2. School App will be used for communicating most information to parents etc. Notifications for PA meetings will be posted on the app. Whatsapp group still active as chat space/feedback. Update: Minutes cannot be shared on APP but will be accessible via website [Parents Association – Mercy College \(mercycollegesligo.ie\)](http://Parents Association – Mercy College (mercycollegesligo.ie))
3. Academic Prizes- discussion around the rationale for academic prizes and currency of same occurred. Further discussions required with teaching staff and student council to inform future direction .
4. Student awards nights –The pre COVID student awards night which recognized students across a range of activities will be reestablished in the next academic year.
5. P.E. on the LC exam curriculum – PE will be introduced once the required prerequisites are in place- teacher training, sufficient student interest etc. Other subjects such as computer science and political science are also under consideration. Religion is not an examinable LC subject in MCS. Only to JC.
6. The scheduling of year 3 Physical education to be explored to understand the reported sharing of scheduling with year 1 students.
7. Outside garden – Mens shed have offered to help ot. Austin at Healy's plants happy to quote for list of plants. Suggestions that a plant can be sponsored by a family. Weather meter by JC engineering – MG to ascertain if ATU could support this.
8. Fundraiser – 90's disco was popular choice in the group. To target parents and past pupils. Olivia will explore venue options – Toffs, Blue Lagoon, Andersons, Sligo Park. Depends also on capacity, service provision in terms of security, DJ and bar. Music/DJ options discussed. Sponsorship opportunities from sligo sports shops for the evening raffle/spot prizes. Dates considered 3rd Feb (may be too close) or 31st March. Ticket price €20-€25/head (incl in raffle?). Fundraiser meeting planned for 29th November.