

Notes of Meeting Held on Tuesday 19th June 2020

Number of apologies received from members of PGTA

Update from Chair of PGTA

- Temporary building due for completion end of June 2020 and will include a new PE hall.
- Letter regarding of facilitation of online payment of school fees has gone to the CDET.B.
- Paint Drive – great response from parents and guardians. Paint drive is to revamp the old school, with different themes throughout the corridors and classrooms. Budget is €5,000 of €3,000 for blinds, €1,000 each for floors and paints.
- Principal Wesley has worked tirelessly to source a number of free furniture/required items for the school and other furniture is on order.

Update - #BuildClonturk

- Chairperson Anne has written to the Dept. of Education regarding current status and funding, awaiting response.
- Discussion took place regarding way forward and suggestions included
- More visibility on school website – a dedicated portal/tab to be set up on school website
- A more collaborative approach between the BOM and PGTA.
- A roadmap for the campaign to be designed
- A sub-committee to be set which will include PGTA, BOM and Teacher representatives

School Update from Teachers

- Tester period for all subjects for incoming 1st year students will be shorter due to the number of new studeys.
- New teachers have been employed.
- A number of students have reached significant achievements during the year, with Sive (2nd year) winning 1st place for an architectural competition.
- Online learning was taken up by the majority of students.
- After consultation with parents/guardians the following changes will be implemented for 20/21 academic year:
 - ½ day has now moved to Friday from Wednesday.
 - Tutor time has moved from 8.30am till later in the morning. Students will have access to their lockers during this time the morning break has reduced by 5 mins and school will finish 5 minutes earlier. Discussion took place regarding this.
 - Extra curricula will continue of Wednesday after school and staff will ensure minimal impact on lessons due to match attendance etc.
 - Student reports will be sent out this week except for 3rd year will be available in Sept.
 - PGTA thanks the staff for all their hard work over the year in particular over the past 3 months, and also thank you to Darren and Kate for their input and time in the PGTA meetings etc.

1st year Intake

- 165 new 1st year students for 20/21 academic year, over 6 classes. BOM will continue to assess intake numbers for 20/21 & 21/22 as BOM set intake number for each academic year.
- Concern raised as admissions for 2022 will be very low due to current numbers.

Welcoming new 1st years and their parents/guardians to the school

- It was noted that the PGTA would normally host a BBQ in May for the new 1st years and their families, as this was not possible due to restrictions a discussion took place.
- It was suggested that a “bring your own picnic” event take place, ensuring social distancing. This would be on the 17th & 18th August which is the date the students are due to collect their ipads etc.
- General consensus was to run with this with PGTA and teachers on hand to host. Further discussion to take place in July

Items to be brought to the Wesley & Board of Management

- What are the current student numbers for each year
- What is the anticipated/expected student numbers for the school when a new building is built
- When will the school reach capacity
- How do the BOM decide the intake number for each year
- Does the school have a “wishlist” for the new building
- Where are the BOM at with regards campaigning for a new school building – contact with CDET and Dept. of Education.

PGTA Accounts Balance

- Deferred to next meeting

AOB

- Discussion took place regarding PGTA becoming more visible on the school website
- Next meeting – July 2020 date to be confirmed.