

St. Peter's College Parents' Association
Draft Minutes of A.G.M Tuesday 10th September 2019

Principal in attendance: Ms Deirdre Maye

Chairperson's Welcome:

Ann Blake welcomed everyone

Guest Speakers: Derek Hanway, Jigsaw

Minutes of A.G.M. 2018

A copy of 2018 AGM minutes were circulated to all parents at the meeting. There were no matters arising from last year's minutes. These were proposed by Rachel McGuinness and seconded by Carol Kavanagh

Treasurers Report:

Ana Quigley, PA Treasurer prepared this report. Closing Balance as of 30/09/18 was €6,400. Balance sheet distributed.

Chairperson's Address:

Ann introduced the officers of the Parents' Association

P.A Meetings:

The PA meets 5 – 6 times per during school year, the Principal attends these meetings, and from time to time representatives from the Student Council also attend. Some of the items discussed at these meetings are

- Fundraising events,
- School receptions are planned,
- Queries or concerns from parents are discussed
- School Policies are reviewed

Ann gave a brief outline of the activities the PA was involved in throughout the year

- **Avoca Christmas Fundraiser**
- **Recycling:** Two collections are held each year. Any suggestions for new recycling companies were sought.
- **Assisting at school functions,** during the year the Parents Association have assisted at many school functions, including Debs night and TY graduations. This year the Debs was moved to the Community Centre and it was a great success. Ann thanked Supervalu Dunboyne for sponsoring the drinks reception and Pats Carpet Ratoath for providing the red carpet.
- **TY interviews**

Communication to parents is via the school website and PA Facebook page.

Ann outlined the ways in which parents can help

- All suggestions / ideas are welcome
- TY work experience – if you or your employer can provide work experience
- Let School / Parents Association know of any grants, scholarships or awards you are aware of.
- Volunteer for the Parents Association committee, this year approximately 7 new volunteers will be required, especially parents of 1st & 2nd Year students.

Ann gave a breakdown of Parents Association by year group:

Year	Number of Members
1 st	5
2 nd	5
3 rd	12
4 th (TY)	8
5 th	3
6 th	1

and a list of the on-going members:

Ann Blake (Chairperson)	Pauline Gunning (Secretary)	Ana Quigley (Treasurer)	June Boyle
Susan Cantwell	Karen Dunne	Jackie Heffernan	Helen Hughes
Carol Humphreys	Maria Kavanagh	Carol Kavanagh	Paula McGoldrick
Rachel McGuinness	June Moore	Lucy O'Mahony	Niamh Reynolds

The following list of outgoing members were presented

Elaine Donovan	Ann Garrett	Colin McHale	Lisa Stewart
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The following parents put their names forward for the year ahead:

Mae Padden	Wemi Chukwureh	Denisa Buiciuc	Meena Soni
Fiona O'Byrne	Maeve Mullin	Chris Keogh	

Ann thanked all committee members, the teachers and staff of St. Peters College.

Board of Management:

Ann thanked Rachel McGuinness and Colin McHale who have completed their term as Parents Representatives on St Peters Board of Management. New representatives will be elected later.

Principals Report:

Deirdre welcomed everybody and thanked the Parents' Association for their help with the Debs event, TY Interviews and TY graduation and continued fundraising.

Highest enrolment in 25 years – current student population 1,214

New Transition Year Programme is accommodating 172 students. All students have been allocated their preferred specialism. This is a trial with such large numbers and the programme may need to be capped at a lower number next year, depending on this years experience.

An Chrannog, the first class for ASD has opened in temporary accommodation in room 48. Planning permission is being sought for temporary modular accommodation on the school carpark until the permanent building is available (hopefully) September 2021.

The Admission Policy 2020/2021 was ratified on 10th September, 2019.

Request for parent participation on Global schools committee, Jigsaw Health Team and RSE/Wellbeing committee.

Water fountains have been installed and new benches have been located in the Senior areas of the school.

Anti-social behaviour – toilets, grounds, some pipework in the toilets have been broken and soap dispensers have been broken off walls. This has led to serious health and safety concerns for slippages and also extra caretaking work. All repairs should be make by Halloween.

Communication with parents by post and text, parents are reminded to ensure that the school has their up to date contact details.

Staff changes/resignations were mentioned.

All students now have access to a locker. Some of the locker maintenance have been outsourced.

Assembly & signing in procedures have been changed. Parents must sign in with their child after 9:15am and must collect their child when signing out.

Civic Duty – Junior students are involved in a civic duty rota and will receive stamps for excellent contribution.

Post Holders – there are three vacant posts of responsibility and hopefully these will be filled by Halloween

CPR Training, fire training are extra modules that will be added into the Transition Year Programme.

PE Timetabling – unfortunately all students do not have access to the Community Centre for PE. In Fifth & Sixth year an alternative activity is being offered to students. Students self select this option.

Sports success throughout the year included:

Schools Athletic Team - West Leinster Schools Medley Relay

Junior Girls Cross Country – 5th in All Ireland Final

U-16 Boys Soccer – Leinster Boys finalists

1st Year Girls Soccer – Qualified for the last 16 of the Leinster League

U-15 Girls Soccer – Qualified for the last 16 of the Leinster League

U-17s Girls Soccer - Qualified for the Leinster Quarter Final

Non Sporting Achievements:

School Musical, Sweeney Todd

Application for Biodiversity Flag

1st Year Chess Tournament

Staff Fundraising Table Quiz in aid of Sean Cox Recovery Fund

Farm Visit, Agricultural Science & LCA visit of Farmer's Journal Farm in Tullamore

Campaign to Reduce Single Use Plastic

Over 100 students signed up for Supervised Study

Over 70 3rd Year boys signed up for the Jigsaw Cup. A similar competition for girls basketball will be organised.

LCA & TY students have been involved with Skills @ Work. This is a programme set up by Business in the Community. The schools partner company is Godolphin. They have presented talks in the school and given advice on how to create a good CV, given a tour of Woodpark Stud and set up mock interviews for students.

Leaving Certificate Results – huge congratulations to the Leaving Certificate & LCA class of 2019. One student achieved 625 points and two others 613 points.

Junior Cycle results – these have been delayed to Friday 4th October, 2019.

Plans for 25th Birthday Celebrations – The Celtic Tenors will perform on 18th December, 2019 in conjunction with the school choir and musicians.

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