

MINUTES ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
SCOIL BHRÍDE PARENTS' ASSOCIATION
30th September 2015

Chairpersons Welcome Address

The Chairperson welcomed everyone to the AGM, at which she advised that the existing committee members step down and the new committee for the coming year are elected. Special tribute was paid to all outgoing committee members - their valuable contribution was noted. Appreciation was also expressed to Caroline Marrinan who represented the teaching staff on the association over the past year - Anna O'Shaughnessy was welcomed as the incoming teachers' representative. Appreciation also expressed to the teachers, school principal and Board of Management (BOM) all of whom, together with the Parents' Association (PA), work for the benefit of the school and the girls in particular.

The meeting was advised that, according to our constitution, the committee can have a maximum of 22 elected members. There are currently 18 existing members who wish to be reelected. There are therefore 4 vacant positions for which the chairperson invited parents to put their names forward.

The minutes of the AGM of 24th September 2014 were proposed for adoption by Eileen Dunne and seconded by Aman Kohli. All reports from that AGM can be accessed through the PA section on the school website.

The main objectives of the Parents' Association were advised to the congregated parents, as outlined in our Constitution. A copy of the constitutions is available on the school website.

Secretary's Report

Election of Incoming Committee

New members were sought from the meeting. The following members were proposed for election by Sinead Lawlor and were seconded by Claire Twohig.

Anne Austin
Mandy Connolly
Liz Dagg
Eileen Dunne
Ciara Early
Sara Gorman
Colette Hawkins
Gintaras Kiksininkas
Aman Kohli
Margaret Maguire
Kathleen Massey
Hilary Moss
Siobhan O'Brien
Colette O'Byrne
Anthony O'Dea
Grainne O'Neill
Deborah O'Sullivan
Eileen O'Sullivan

Principals Address

Appreciation

On the historic occasion of the first AGM in the new school, Mrs Costello paid tribute to a hardworking, supportive P.A. who together with the school and BOM add to the enrichment of every child in the school. She referred to a number of key events organised by the PA most notably:

- A very successful fundraising Christmas concert by Vladamir
- The annual sponsored walk - a very special family day
- Communion Party - last one held in old school 2014 - hundreds of families have enjoyed memorable family days over the years;
- Visit of Mrs Claus & Santa and gifts for all classrooms;
- Graduation Night for 6th class - enhanced in recent years by PA with addition of food, balloon release, graduation booklets - a very special celebration of 8 years for the girls and their families;
- Staff Appreciation Lunch - fabulous event which means so much to all the staff who appreciate how busy people are but take the time.

All of this epitomises the positive relationship between the PA and the school. On behalf of all pupils, staff and board of management, the principal thanked all members for their time, energy and support and encouraged new parents to get involved.

Building Programme

Move to new school took place on 27th February 2015. The refurbishment of the old school then commenced and was completed with the builders leaving the site at the end of June.

There is a shortfall of 60k following the refurbishment as the Department had not provided for the same specification level as new build. Some funds may be available through Summer Works Programme 2016. Parents were asked to lobby election candidates over coming months.

Official school opening is to take place on 9th October at 1 pm. Bishop Denis Nulty will officiate and all parents will be invited. All classes working hard preparing for that special occasion

A request has been made to parents of 3rd,4th,5th and 6th classes to provide home baking for refreshments.

Parking

Parents are requested not to park in Bus Bays at front of school - parking facilities available in GAA. For safety, Junior Infants to 2nd Classes are to enter the school through the old gates and 3rd to 6th classes are to enter through the new gates.

Violins

Violin lessons have recommenced for 1st to 6th classes - one half hour session per week - total cost for year is 40 - a fantastic opportunity for the girls to play an instrument - many have now chosen to study violin outside of school.

Other School Business

- First Communion Dates - 15th & 22nd May at 9.30 and 11.30 Masses both days. Both parties will be held in Scoil Bhride as it is hoped Scoil Phadraig's' building programme will have commenced. Scoil Bhride's PA will host 15th May and Scoil Phadraig's PA will host 22nd.
- First Communion Meeting for parents will be held on Wednesday 21st October at 8.30 pm
- Confirmation will be held on Saturday 23rd April at 11am and 2 pm. Bishop Denis Nulty will officiate.
- Confirmation Meeting for parents will be held on Tuesday 20th October at 8.30 pm
- 6th Class Graduation Thursday 23rd June at 7.30 pm
- Gym for Junior Infant to First Classes 15 for term to Christmas
- La Petit Ecole pre school are on the premises - Rita Ruane is running a montessori and after school club
- Daisy School of Dance classes after school on Mondays

AOB

Fit for School to be investigated following request from parents

Invite extended to all parents to Fergus Heffernan's talk in Scoil Mhuire on Monday 5th October

There being no further business to attend to, the Chairperson thanked everyone for their attention and closed the meeting.