

Mount Temple Parents' Association AGM23

October 2019

Attendance

47 people in attendance:

Minutes of Last Year's AGM

These were circulated at the beginning of the meeting. They were proposed by B Moran and seconded by K Griffith after the meeting

Principal's Report

Helen addressed the meeting to welcome everyone and to explain that she now has the role of Acting Principal. She expressed her positivity for the year that had passed and for the new year that was unfolding.

Chairperson's Report

Elaine welcomed everyone to the meeting. She thanks Mr Wegimont for the work that he did in supporting the PA Committee and expressed her pleasure that we would now be working with Helen Gormley.

She mentioned the successful fundraising event of the Autumn Fair, which raised money for the new astro pitch. She informed the meeting that funding from the PA had contributed towards the cost of this year's TY Musical, the purchase of canteen barriers and renovating the 6th Year Common Room. She outlined that the PA was looking into funding for outdoor student furniture, the new school polytunnel and for sickbay.

Elaine also informed the meeting that there is an interest in putting together an Arts Council.

Elaine announced that she would be handing over to Audrey as Chair for the duration of one year. Elaine put out a call for new committee members for the year 2019 – 2020, while also thanking the outgoing committee for their hard work.

Secretary's Report

J Langley spoke to the parents about the advantages of joining the committee in terms of being actively involved in the school.

She outlined the role of PA in supporting school activities such as 6th Year Graduation, 1st year Parents Meetings, Carol Service and TY musical. She also explained that a significant responsibility of the PA is to manage a proportion of the Parents' Voluntary Contributions, which are spent in consultation with the school, according to their needs.

She informed parents that the main method of communication is now the much-developed Mount Temple App.

Sub-Committees

A Cepeda spoke briefly on the SEN Parents Committee. Joanne Tyrell has taken over SEN with the support of Dara Belladent. Their approach is for Team Teaching and in-class support. Parents are welcome to get involved in support SEN in the school (not fundraising). A lot of parents have already expressed an interest in doing this.

B Moran spoke about the activities of the Policy Review Group. The focus over the past year had been on

- Education (Admissions to Schools) Act, 2018
- Senior Cycle Review – NCCA
- GDPR
- Substance Use Policy

Treasurer's Report

K Griffith distributed the Treasurer's Report giving details of the main fund raising events: the Autumn Fair, the Plant and Bake Sale and the Annual Table Quiz. She provided accounts for the year September 2018 to August 2019

The meeting closed with thanks given to Claire Crimmins of the Northside Drugs and Alcohol Taskforce who then gave a very interesting presentation on their work.