

**LORETO HIGHSCHOOL BEAUFORT
PARENTS' ASSOCIATION**

Minutes of the AGM 8th October 2019

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Present: Niall Hade (Chair), Ciara Darker (Secretary), Justine Lambe (Treasurer), Sue Foran, Anne Cassin, Eithne Tobin, Donna Walsh, Una Gibbons, Fiona Budds, Connie Delaney, Cathy O'Brien

Attending: Principal: Aoife Kavanagh

Apologies: Anna O'Shea

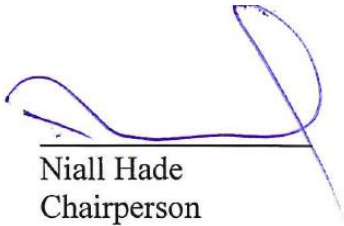
Item 1: Minutes from Previous Meeting	Actions
Minutes of 2018 AGM were agreed.	
Item 2: Chairperson's Report	
<p>The PA hosted many events during the last year:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ 1st year parents social evening ➤ Graduation evening ➤ Coffee morning/social evenings for parents ➤ Debs reception ➤ Sports day <p>The PA were much involved with the Dept of Education inspection that took place in May 2019. A copy of the review is available on the Dept of Education website. The PA also contributed to formulation of school policies during the year.</p>	
Item 3: Treasurer's Report	
<p>Justine thanked everyone for their contribution and outlined the many school events supported by the PA.</p> <p>During the past year, we invested in catering equipment, paid for sports day ice-creams and contributed towards the cost of bouncy castles.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Catering at graduation night & Debs reception (decorating the hall, providing prosecco & strawberries). 	

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Debs – donation of €700, girls agree to not having a pre-debs. PA pays for hoodies and necklace for each girl. ➤ Gifts for retiring staff and Ms. O'Donoghue on behalf of parent body. ➤ 5k on parent subs collected at start of the year. 	
Item 4: Principal's Report	
<p>Aoife Kavanagh introduced herself as new principal and welcomed all the parents. She thanked Margaret O'Donoghue and Francis Carolan for their work in developing the school.</p> <p>She emphasized the importance of each student feeling nurtured, while the school offers a robust learning experience based on the Mary Ward values of justice, freedom, truth and sincerity.</p> <p>We will continue to build on positive relationship between students, teachers and parents as we continue to grow as a community.</p> <p>All communication from parents is welcome - parents free to make appointments to see her.</p> <p>91 LC students performed wonderfully, as did JC students. 441 points average for LC students, with 43 achieving 500 and above.</p> <p>MLL report – teamwork, commitment and professionalism of staff was highlighted. Teachers described as highly dedicated, self-motivated professionals. Positive relationship between students and teachers, learning highly effective. Parent body-partnership with PA also recognized.</p> <p>3 school targets for teaching & learning as a result:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Differentiation – meeting needs of each individual learner 2. Effective Feedback – comments combined with grades for written work. Becoming self-lead learners & reflective practitioners – assimilating the comments. 3. Policy – TY programme and whole school guidance plan. <p>Snapshot of activities since Sept:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Opening school year mass – theme: seeds that are growing need to be nurtured (experience of girls who went to Lourdes was shared). ➤ Trips – ecology, biology, NCH, ploughing champs, higher options, geography trip, playboy of western world. ➤ Beaufort buzz – booklet of all school activities taking place (lunchtime clubs). ➤ Band New Rules played for us, lunchtime recital's, study skills seminars ➤ Cycle against suicide - TY ➤ Spanish debaters - social justice at heart of all we do ➤ Rise with Rumbek – sponsored walk, almost 450 girls participated. 	

➤ Retreats – 1 st year theme - I am treasured, 6 th year theme - looking back and moving forward.	
Item 5: Election of Parent representatives	
1 st year – Judith Browne & Jane Fitzhenry 4 th year – Gemma Fitzsimons & Jennifer Dempsey	
Item 6: Introduction of guest speaker Helen Coughlan	
Niall introduced the guest speaker.	

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Ciara Darker (Secretary)



Niall Hade
Chairperson