

LORETO HIGHSCHOOL BEAUFORT PARENTS' ASSOCIATION

Minutes of the AGM 13TH October 2021

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Present: Donna Rohan (Outgoing Chair), Ciaran O'Brien (Incoming Chair) Gemma Fitzsimons (Co Secretary), Kathryn McAree (Co Secretary) Jane Fitzhenry (Treasurer)

Judith Brown, Neil Hoey, Sonia Howard Lehane

Attending: Principal: Aoife Kavanagh

Apologies: Vice Principal Niamh McNally

Note: Due to Covid –19 this meeting was conducted remotely via the ZOOM platform

Item 1: Welcome	Actions
Donna Rohan welcomed everyone to the LHSB Parents Association AGM	
Item 2: Minutes of 2020 AGM	
Minutes of the 2020 AGM were proposed by Neil Hoey and seconded by Ciaran O'Brien	
Item 3: Chairpersons Address	
<p>Donn Rohan introduced PA members and commended Kathryn McAree and Gemma Fitzsimons on work done on reschedule of 2020 and 2021 Debs. DR thanked outgoing PA members, Donna Rohan, Una Gibbons, Sue Foran, Fiona Budds and Deirdre McDonnell.</p> <p>PA activities:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1st year Social Event – online via Zoom • Monthly PA meetings – online via Zoom • Leader in Business talk – Anne Heraty • Graduation class of 2021 – 2 ceremonies took place 	

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Debs for class of 2020 and class of 2021 will take place in November 2021 <p>Supporting Students:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Halloween and Christmas Treats provided to students during Talent Show and Carol Service • Leader in Business talk by Anne Heraty • Provision of 2 Friendship Benches <p>Supporting Others:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hearts for Homeless Campaign using image generated by Girls during 1st lockdown • Thank you to Andrew Buckley's 2 Pharmacies, Annemarie Horan in Fortfield Pharmacy, Nick Courtney of Morilles and 2 parents who gave an anonymous donation of €750. <p>Class of 2021 Graduation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Virtual Graduation took place for Class of 2020 • School and PA determined to have physical ceremony for class of 2021 • Year Group split into 2 groups <p>Retirement of 2 Teachers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation on behalf of the Parents made to Ms McMahon, German Teacher and Ms Curtis, Irish Teacher who both retired in June. <p>Debs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Class of 2021 will be held 1st November 2021 • Class of 2020 will be held 19th November 2021 • Class of 2022 will be held 10th October 2022 	
Item 4: Treasurer's Report	
<p>Jane Fitzhenry outlined the 2022/21 Income & Expenditure and the Hearts for Homeless Charity Initiative – Donation to Peter McVerry Trust.</p> <p>Income & Expenditure – included in this account are the following:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contribution from Parents • Halloween and Christmas Treats for the Girls • Musical night Treats • Graduation class of 2021 costs • Speaker Events • Catering equipment • PA Debs donation • Sympathy cards and gifts and gifts for retiring teachers • Friendship Benches <p>Excess of Income over Expenditure is €4,100.55</p> <p>Hearts for Homeless Initiative</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sales and Donations €4,490.00 • Costs €737.10 • Donation to PMV €3,752.90 	

Item 5: Election of Parent Reps	
<p>4th year Reps Patricia Staunton was nominated by Gemma Fitzsimons and seconded by Sonia Howard-Lehane Deirdre Acheson was nominated by Ciaran O’Brien and seconded by Donna Rohan</p> <p>Parents Representatives required for 1st year x2 and 5th year x1</p> <p>Judith Bowen was nominated for role of Secretary by Ciaran O’Brien and seconded by Sonia Howard-Lehane</p> <p>Election of Parents to the Board of Management Ballot due to take place as 3 people have expressed interest in the Board of Management. Ballot papers to be sent out to parents.</p>	
Item 6: Principal’s Report	
<p>Aoife Kavanagh outlined her report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mary Ward value of Joy was the theme of the School Mass“ The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams “ Eleanor Roosevelt • Class of 2021 physical graduation and success in Leaving Cert • Some activities have returned to normal such as Debating, International Languages Day, Retreats, Beaufort Buzz, Bookclubs, Maths Club and Couch to 5k, Art, Camogie, Karate, Squash. • Investment in the Development in ICT within the school • Building Survey for Future upgrades ongoing • Parent Teacher Meetings are to be conducted via Zoom • Learning Styles - New ways of learning/new skills being examined • FAME has been announced as the 4th year musical • School provides a robust and rounded education • Celebration of “YOU” at the end of each month • Set students on a path for lifetime learning • Set students success criteria so students know what success looks like • Dept of Education & Skills inspected school for Covid 19 compliance and school was very successful and deemed fully compliant, guided by compass and have a routed response • Aoife Kavanagh thanked Donna Rohan and all members of the PA for working in partnership with the school • School is continuing to work in line with last years guidelines and will not lift restrictions in line with lifting of societal restrictions. School will be guided by the Dept of Education & Skills 	

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Loreto 200 commemoration of Theresa Ball and her commitment to providing Education to young girls, due to take place on November 4th • Celebrating students past and present with a Mass and interview with past and present pupils Hannah Mathews – Irish Hockey International, Finola Croke – Chester Beatty Library, Ruth Ferris – UCD Academic and Rosie Byrne – 6th Year student with her single “Leaving with Me” 	
Item 7: AOB	
No Comments	

Item 8: Introduction of Guest Speaker	
Donna Rohan introduced the Guest Speaker, Mr Shane Martin	

Gemma Fitzsimons and Kathryn McAree (Secretaries)

Donna Walsh (Chairperson)