**Edmund Rice Secondary School, Carrick-on-Suir, Co. Tipperary**

**Parents Council**

**MINUTES OF MEETING**

**27.09.2021**

Meeting of the Parents Council took place on Monday 27 September 2021

**Present:** Mairead Eachthigheirn

 Linda Barry

 Paula Murphy

 Rose Peters

Collette Quigley

Josephine O’Meara

Siobhan Cummins

Aideen Meaney

Karen Nolan

**Apologies:**

Abigail Keane

Fiona O’Meara

Claire Walsh

 Margaret Crowley

 Michael Crowley

 Siobhan Moriarty

1. Meeting was held via Zoom. Chairperson welcomed everyone.
2. In Treasurer’s absence, Chairperson informed meeting balance at bank was €1,427.17.
3. The Acting Principal, Ms. Linda Barry gave feedback on the Zoom meeting held on Wednesday 22nd September to parents regarding the new Code of Behaviour in the school. It was explained to parents that mobile phones are no longer allowed to be used by pupils during school time. Phones must be left at home or in students’ lockers. The new points system was also explained to parents. Assessments, uniforms and starting and break times were also discussed at this meeting. Ms. Barry reported that there was quite good attendance at this meeting especially from parents of first, second and third years.

 The Acting Principal then gave The Principal’s Report:

* The Code of Behaviour and a number of other school policies were ratified by the Board of Management at a meeting week starting 21st September. All policies are available for viewing on the school’s website.
* Leaving Certificate results released on 03.09.2021 – students did very well in this year’s Leaving Certificate with many going onto further study in third level colleges such as UCC, UL, WIT etc. and others taking up apprenticeships. One student had won a soccer scholarship to a college in Texas, USA.
* The present sixth years will have two school assessments this year, one in October and one at Christmas. The pre-exams will be in late January/February 2022 with the Leaving Certificate being sat in June 2022. There will be written exams this year with some changes to certain subject specifications and teachers will notify all students of these changes.
* There are 55 students in first year in 2021.
* Open Evening for school year 2022/2023 will take place via Zoom on 14 October 2021.
* The behaviour and attendance modules on VSWare have now been enabled.
* There was a lot of re-furbishment done on the school this summer. Flooring was replaced, school was painted both inside and out, grounds were cleaned and benches will be installed outside.
* PE Suite is now complete.
* Sunnyside Café will now have a Healthy Lunch Option every Tuesday.
* There are now 3 trolleys of IT devices available to students in the school.
* On October 6 there will be a mass to celebrate the beatification of Blessed Edmund Ignatius Rice.
* Subjects still being shared between ERSS and Scoil Mhuire. These are:

In ERSS – Geography, Physics, Agricultural Science and Business

In Scoil Mhuire – Accounting, Chemistry, Music, Art and Home Economics

1. It was noted that the Parents Council AGM had to be cancelled last year due to Covid-19 restrictions. It was decided the AGM would be held this year via Zoom on Wednesday 6October and Mairead will liaise with the Acting Principal to organise an e-mail being sent to all parents inviting them to this meeting. New Officers are to be elected at this AGM and Parents’s Representatives for the Board of Management will also be elected at the AGM.
2. This concluded the business of the meeting.
3. AGM is on Wednesday 6October and parents to be invited by e-mail.