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

**Parents Council**

**MINUTES OF MEETING**

**20.03.2019**

Meeting of the Parents Council took place on Wednesday 20th March 2019.

**Present:** Pat Parle

Mairead Eachthigheirn

Michael Walsh

Paula Murphy

Siobhan Moriarty

Ann Reid

Claire Walsh

Abigail Keane

Fiona O’Meara

Margaret Crowley

Deirdre Anthony

**Apologies:** Eithne Sheehan

Aideen Meaney

Deirdre Flynn

Rose Peters

Karen Nolan

Tony Power

Elaine McNamara

Michael Crowley

1. Minutes were read and approved.
2. Treasurer reported church gate collection raised €830.00. On payment of a small number of bills there is now a balance of €1,700 in the account.
3. It was decided some of these funds would be spent on providing books for the school library. Members of the Parents Council to discuss requirements with English teachers, Miss Mulcahy and Miss Murray. **[Action: Mairead Eachthigheirn & Claire Walsh]**
4. Mick Walsh to check with Board of Management for date of flag day.

**[Action: Mick Walsh]**

1. Mock Interviews for sixth class students to take place on Tuesday 9th April between 16:00 and 18:00. Pat Parle has the list of people who are to be approached to attend as interviewers as agreed at the last meeting and committee to contact them and make arrangements.

**[Action: Pat Parle, Mairead Eachthigheirn, Paula Murphy & Mick Walsh]**

1. The school’s ICT policy was discussed. School is now involved in producing a digital plan and will be applying for digital funding. To facilitate this parents had been invited to participate in IT survey. All teachers have been issued with school e-mail addresses. It was decided minutes of Parents Council meetings would be sent to Miss Kane for the school website.
2. The Anti-Bullying policy is now on the website and is to be ratified by Board of Management.
3. Mick Walsh informed the meeting that the recent inspection of the Science Department went very well.
4. It was confirmed by the Principal that the Parents Council are now affiliated to the National Parents Council.
5. The letter from the Parents Council regarding road safety was sent to the Board of Management. A member of the Board of Management presented this to Tipperary County Council and was informed the council had implemented some traffic calming measures recently. However, the Council are planning a consultation regarding road safety in the Pill Road area soon as road works are imminent. The school’s representative was told this will be an opportunity to make representations regarding our road safety concerns. The Board of Management will notify us when these are needed.
6. Principal, Mick Walsh, then gave brief update of activities in the school.

* Work ongoing preparing school for green flag status
* The school has 55 applications for school year 2019/2020 sand 3 applications from Spain for Transition Year 2019/2020.
* All information regarding school policies, news and events are now being uploaded to school website.
* Plan to have VSWare available from September 2019.
* It was agreed Principal would give a report to all future Parents Council meetings.

1. Next meeting planned for after Easter. Parents to be notified of date on Whatsapp.
2. This concluded the business of the meeting.