Scoil Ghormáin Naofa, Castletown

Parents’ Association Meeting

Thursday, 16th December 2021

* Chairperson, Caroline welcomed everyone to the meeting and shared the agenda.
* Secretary, Siobhán gave a brief overview of the minutes of the previous meeting, addressing mainly the Actions undertaken since then.
* Treasurer, Fiona gave an overview of the bank account. Current balance is €342. No payments outstanding. The process of opening the new account with AIB Gorey is almost finalised.
* Fundraising: it was decided that a sub group/committee would identify short, medium and long term goals. Examples of these: Short term = hoodies for 6th Class

Medium term = stretch tent for outdoor classroom

Long term = school extension

Action – to proceed with fundraising using this approach

* Caroline shared a ‘Fundraising Strategy Draft’ which itemised Income and Expenditure. Fiona talked us through this draft and how we will use this document going forward.

Action – to use this document for any fundraising going forward

* Fundraising Suggestions

The group discussed the idea of ‘Split the Pot/Chase the Ace’.

Both Fiona and Siobhán shared their ideas on it and explained how it works. It was suggested that we trial it for an academic term and then review.

Action 1 – do some more research on this fundraiser in order to put a structure around the logistics of envelopes.

Action 2 – put this idea out to the wider parent group.

Fundraiser – After School

* The group discussed an after school service as a fundraiser. €5 per hour was suggested.

Action – does the personal student insurance cover this hour?

Uniforms: the results of a survey to parents found that online uniform sales are preferential.

Action 1 – online uniform sales

Action 2 – remaining stock will be sold off (Date TBD)

Family Activity:

* ‘Walking Bus’
* ‘WOW’ – Walk on Wednesdays

Families will walk from The Anchor to school on designated Wednesday mornings. They will be assigned a day according to family surname. (Alphabetical order system). This initiative could link in with Wellness and/or Active school committees.

Action 1 – consult with Ms Russell on this idea re insurance and hi vis