

## **Borrisokane Community College Parents Association AGM**

**Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2022**

### **Chairperson's Report**

I would like to welcome you all to the 2022 Borrisokane Community College Parents Association AGM.

For those who may not have previously attended a Parents Association meeting, I would like to introduce the committee who are as follows:

**Chairperson:** Jenny Whelan

**Vice Chairperson:** Avril Murphy

**Secretary:** Deirdre O Brolcháin

**Treasurer:** Paula Sullivan

**Assistant Treasurer:** Claire Starr

In May 2022 three members of the Parents Association left as they no longer have children in the school. Thank you to Gerardine Egan, Andrew Harding and Patricia Hagan for their contribution to the association over the last number of years.

I would like to take a few minutes to outline some of the activities that we in the Parents Association have supported in the school since last December:

- Funding was provided by the Parents Association on a number of occasions, using monies raised through the €50 voluntary levy asked of each family attending the school. Some examples are:
  - Funding was provided for the purchase of new books for the school library
  - A contribution was made towards the cost of transportation to events where BCC students were participating
  - Where BCC students participated in activities like in the Arts and Sport, for example, funding was provided towards the purchase of mementos to mark the students' achievements
  - A contribution towards the cost of running the Transition Year show was also made
- Members of the Parents Association joined the Jigsaw 'One Good School Programme' committee to oversee the programme's implementation
- Members of the Parents Association also attended a meeting on the development of a new Mobile Phones Policy for the school, which is effective since September 2022
- The Transition Year show was supported by the Parents Association through car park stewarding and selling raffle tickets, and the 6<sup>th</sup> Year Graduation Ceremony was supported through the serving of refreshments after the ceremony
- Hangers and rails for the clothes swap event organised in May 2022 to highlight the ETB's Sustainability Day were provided by Parents Association members. Thank you to Robyn Hoffler (teacher) and Transition Year sustainability students for organising this event. Thanks also to Dunnes Stores for providing clothes hangers for this event

The Parents Association has a number of exciting activities planned for the new academic year, for example, over the following months:

- There is a table quiz planned for 7.30pm on Thursday October 27<sup>th</sup>. Any money raised through this fundraiser will be used to support counselling services for students in the school
- There will be a book fair run in the school to coincide with the Open Night which is scheduled for Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> November. The book fair will run from Monday 14<sup>th</sup> to Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> November to give students & teachers the chance to buy books, with parents & students operating the stall
- A fundraiser in the form of bag packing in Dunnes Stores is planned for Friday 9<sup>th</sup> and Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> December

Parents will be asked to get involved in these activities, by volunteering some of their time, or donating raffle and spot prizes for the quiz night, so as to ensure all activities are as successful as we can make them.

Regarding fundraising, I would also like to remind you that Ger Maher, the caretaker in the school, is undertaking a walk along the Camino Way from September 30<sup>th</sup> to October 7<sup>th</sup> to raise funds for the school's ASD Centre. Donations can still be made via Ger's Go Fund Me page.

Finally, I would like to thank the Committee and the members of the Parents Association for their attendance at meetings and their support for different activities and initiatives in the school. Thanks to the Principal, Matthew Carr, the Deputy Principal, Paula Molloy, and the teacher representative, Deirdre Kyne, for their time and their willingness to share information and identify for us where we can make an impact and support the school. To finish I would like to remind parents here tonight that we always welcome suggestions for events, speakers or activities that you think the Parents Association could support.

Jenny Whelan (Chairperson)