**NEWBRIDGECOLLEGE PSA AGM**

**24th March 2015**

**Attendees:**

**Geraldine Caulfield, Orla Traynor, Paula Hart, Aine Hanlon Lynch, Kathleen Ryan, Pat O'Brien, Neville Conroy and Fr. Larry Kelly - refer to register for list of parents.**

**Apologies: None**

GC welcomed everyone and expressed congratulations on behalf of the PSA to our TY mini-companies who won 3 prizes in the recent Kildare Local Enterprise Office Student Enterprise Awards, especially Gift Gro who will be representing Kildare in the national final next Wednesday, April 22nd , in Croke Park . In addition she thanked the parents who had assisted with the anti-bullying ambassador’s video. Finally she commiserated with the Senior Cup Team on losing in the semi-final replay to Roscrea and said that the whole school, students, staff and parents were very proud of them.

**Trinidad Mission Experience**

Fr. Matthew Martinez gave the parents a brief outline of the proposed Mission to Trinidad that will take place over Easter 2016. The mission is open to applicants from this year’s TY classes – the mission will comprise of 6 boys and 6 girls. A meeting for parents will be held following the Easter Holidays

**Pending Items:**

Uniform

Parent Teacher Meetings Format

PE for Senior Cycle

School Report Format

ebooks

**previous agreed actions**

**Canteen Staff Meeting**

It was agreed that any issues raised had been addressed

**Careers Event**

All 9 speakers are organised and we hope it is the start of an annual event for TY students.

**Student Council Meeting**

OT is to follow up with Mr Newsome and arrange a meeting for after the Easter holidays.

**Mock Interviews**

The Mock Interviews will take place on May 5th. Invitations for interviewers have been sent out and there are already over 40 responses.

**Concussion awareness talks**

This will take place after Easter – the 14th or the 21st are the proposed dates. POB is to come back with a date(s) that can be offered o the IRFU Education Officer. Local clubs and schools will be invited.

**Suggestion Box**

In place

**Indigo**

POB and NC are to meet with the Careers Department and the TY co-ordinators to decide how o fit Indigo into the TY programme as an optional extra.

**Board of Governors Elections**

The 4 year term for the current Board of Governors is coming to an end. The time frame for the elections for the parent’s representatives needs to be agreed. The incoming 1st year parents need to be included in the election so it will take place early in the new school year.

**Invite Horse Show Committee member**

It is hoped that someone from the committee could make the next PSA meeting. There will be area qualifiers at this year’s Newbridge Horse Show which should increase attaendance. It was agreed to meet the TY student’s after Easter to discuss the Bake Sale at the Horse Show.

**Student Enterprise Programme**

The details have been passed on to TY co-ordinators.

**Motivational Speakers for Students** :

Supergeneration day will be given to 6th years and Amazing Brains sessions will be run for 3rd years. Amazing Brains will also give a talk to all parents- dates to be agreed in Sept.

**TREASURERS REPORT:**

The Treasurer gave an update reporting that there was no income and expenditure since the last meeting.

**MANAGEMENT & PLANNING**

**CURRICULUM**

**LEARNING AND TEACHING SUPPORT**

**Sports Development Fund**

The committee are currently working on a communication for parents. They will meet on April 16th to decide the future of the Fund – should it continue, cease or broaden.

They will update the PSA at April or May session.

**communications**

**AOB**

**School Uniforms**

The issue of the school jumper versus school fleece was again raised. Currently there is an element of choice within the school uniform with certain items being compulsory and others optional (the jumper and/or the fleece). The school is committed to continuously improving the wearing of the uniform by students. The jumper and/or fleece will remain optional for the coming year.

**VIP Shopping Trip to Kildare Village**

The PSA received an invitation to a VIP Shopping Trip to Kildare Village. A minimum of 20 parents would be required. Free transport and a welcome reception would be provided. This could be run as a fundraiser. Anyone wishing to organise the event is free to do so.

**Retirement of Roisin Lonergan**

The PSA received a letter from Roisin Lonergan, the school Librarian, informing them of her planned retirement at the end of the school year. Ms Lonergan was praised for the quiet space that is the library. It was agreed that May PSA meeting would be held in the Library and the annual contribution to the Library would be made.

**Book and Uniform Sale**

It was agreed to run the book and uniform sale again this year following the state exams.

**Building Program**

POB informed the meeting of the plans to commence a building program to replace the 5 pre-fabs at the back of the school.

**School Reports**

POB informed the meeting that having spoken to Advanced Learning the updated format for the school reports will be available for the Christmas reports.

**Agreed Actions**

Arrange meeting Student Council OT/AHL

Concussion awareness talks POB/NC

Mock Interviews KR

Indigo POB/NC

Board of Governors elections GC

Book and Uniform Sale All

Sports Development Fund Update

**THE NEXT PSA MEETING WILL BE HELD ON 21st April 2015**