**Minutes of parents Council meeting 10/04/2018**

Minutes of the previous meeting was proposed by Alison Kavanagh and seconded by Caroline Busher

**Matters Arising** :

Mr Mc Mahon was asked about the Stay strong programme who said it was cancelled for this year as it is too late in the year for it to go ahead.

One other matter was the review of the admittance policy by the BOM. Mr Mc Mahon said this policy has been sent to the trustees for permission to publish it before it goes up on the web site .Mr Mc Mahon was asked if any policies came to the PC before ratification. Mr Mc Mahon said that due to the volume of policies due for review not all were not reviewed by the set date which they should be. A discussion followed as to how various policies should come to the parents council and it was proposed that the policies could come to the PC before they are ratified so that the PC could have an input which would make each policy all the stronger.

**Treasurers Report**

Yvonne said there is no difference in the balance of €4004.91. The only planned outgoing before the end of the year is the Grad Mass which is usually €1700 - €1800.Mr Mc Mahon was asked if he needed anything with the remaining funds and he proposed that a defibrillator was needed for the Gym and he would come back to the next meeting with some prices.

**Principals Report**

Mr Mc Mahon started by formally notifying the PC that the Child Safeguarding policy was now ratified and up on the website.

The Mock exams have taken place, results are back and sent out to the parents. It was generally accepted that having these exams a little earlier was better. The LC and JC oral exams have started . TY places have been offered to the JC boys. An information night on selecting subjects for the LC will be held for the parents and boys of 3rd and 4th year . Mr Mc Mahon was in contact with P.Maxwell who will run a seminar titled Understanding and responding to anxiety in adolescence. The Seminar will be on April 25th 7:30 – 09:30 pm in CBS library .A decision was made to contact all other secondary schools in the area and invite them also.

A date has been set for the Graduation Mass which will be on Thursday the 24th of May.

The first year spelling B will be held on Thursday 26th of April.

The English Assessment for 3rd years will take place from Monday 23rd – Friday 27th of April. For 2nd years this will go on over a three week period from Monday 23rd of April.

The Transition year trips to China and Rome were a great success and everyone enjoyed themselves. Everything went smoothly and the boys were great ambassadors .

**Parents Council Constitution**

A draft constitution from the National Parents Council web site was discussed .Various changes were made to the draft to customise it for this PC. This will be printed for the next meeting to be either further discussed or ratified .

**AOB**

A topic was raised regarding being gay in school. Concern was raised for pupils mental health and the stress they may be under. To this regard there is a meeting each Saturday in the FDYS in Francis Street for LGBT adolescents where counselling is offered . Mr Mc Mahon was asked if posters advertising these meetings could go up in the school as it may be of help to some pupils. Also if the BOM would review the policies regarding this topic.

A question was asked about a fire drill, Mr Mc Mahon said there has not been one yet.

The next meeting was set for Tuesday May 8th at 7:15 pm