



CKSS Parents Council Annual General Meeting Tue Sept 13th 2022

Summary of 2021/2022 School Year

The following is a summary of the events and activities which the Parents Council were involved with throughout the 2021/2022 school year

- Monthly Parents Council meetings were held remotely, on the 2nd Tuesday of each month. They were attended also by the principal Ms Richel Long plus one or more deputy principals. Minutes of the preceding meeting and a treasurer's report were presented at each parent's council meeting.
- In general, members brought forward any other business during these meetings such as school facilities queries, public transportation issues and any safety concerns around students arriving and leaving school premises.
- The council proposed that self-defense classes be made available to our students. It was not possible for the school to provide these during the final term of school, but they are planned for inclusion in the 22/23 PE curriculum.
- Council members provided input into school policies e.g. Mobile Phone in Teaching and Learning Policy & the uniform policy.
- The council ran two very successful fundraisers during the 2021/2022 academic year which will help to fund the construction of a new volleyball and badminton court in CKSS. Regular fundraising events were unable to take place because of COVID. These initiatives allowed the council to fundraise in a safe manner without the requirement of large group gatherings.
 - *12K's of Christmas*: CKSS families walked or ran 12kms over the Christmas break and donated €12 per family via GoFundMe. Participants were entered into a raffle with over 30 prizes. The raffle prizes were originally collected by the 2020/2021 council members for the table quiz which had to be cancelled due to COVID. This fundraiser raised over €700.
 - *'Favourite Recipes' Cookbook*: This was a compilation of over 160 much-loved recipes from CKSS parents, students, staff & friends which was compiled, edited and published by the parents' council. The book also showcased beautiful artwork from our talented junior cycle art students. A massive effort was involved to bring this project to fruition. Council members raised a substantial amount of sponsorship from over 30 local businesses which subsidized the printing of 400 books. Council members ran multiple sales events inside and outside of school, sold copies to family, friends and neighbours and collaborated with several retail partners. The council would like to recognize and thanks CKSS for their contribution and support with regards to in-school sales and their purchase of almost €1000 worth of books which were distributed as end of year staff member gifts. To date over €5000 has been raised with this initiative.
- The Parents Council supported the school in hosting the reception for the 2022 leaving cert graduation ceremony. The council gifted the cake for the reception and provided a monetary contribution towards the decorations. Several members volunteered their time on the day of the reception also. It was a memorable day for all those involved and was the first in-person graduation since 2019.