

Kilglass National School Meeting 11th March 2025

Attendance: Emily Lyons, Anne Quigley, Janet Laffey, Majella Obrien, Caroline Graham, Jeanne Murray, Danielle Burns, Lorraine Kelly, Declan O Loughlin.

Online : Helena Lydon, Karol Fitzgerald, Marie Quigley

Emily opened the meeting by going through the minutes of the previous Parents Association meeting on the 10/02/2025. Emily also gave feedback from a meeting attended by Emily Lyons, Anne Quigley and Mr. Glynn on the 28/2/25.

Two representatives, one of which was a nutritionist from the Lunch Bag company came into speak to the parents. They gave an overview of various hot meals which are being supplied and the history behind the company. They received questions and also encouraged parents to look at the Website www.thelunchbag.ie which contains a breakdown of the nutritional values and content of the meals. They also informed parents that the meals on offer will be changing soon.

Mr Glynn then came in and welcomed everyone for coming and inviting him to the meeting. He went through plans for the year ahead and next year. He then went onto the different programmes and projects and below is a list of them:

- Outside Classroom
- Green School
- Credit Union Quiz
- Science Blast
- Lego League
- Gymnastics & Dance
- Hurling, Soccer, Football, Rugby
- Student Council
- Erasmus
- Friendship / Anti Bullying Week
- Summer Programme
- Marine Institute
- Say Yes to Language – Spanish

Mr Glynn then spoke about the 2nd ASD Unit being approved. He thanked the parents for getting it over the line and getting in contact with Councillors / Politicians. It should be in place for December 2025. He then went onto thank Aoife Noone of Noone Cyber Services for coming into the school and speaking to the 4th, 5th and 6th class parents. It was suggested that the kids of 3rd and 4th class not get smart phones or certain apps. Mr Glynn would like to get feedback on this.

My Glynn then went on to speak about Erasmus and would it be something that we will continue with. He would like to hear any feedback on this. The only obstacle is funding.

Breakfast club – it is working really really well. The school is awaiting the scheme to be approved in order for the parents to benefit from it. The only downside to it is that they will have to use a classroom as we don't have general purpose room available for it. It will be looked into going forward.

Lotto – It needs to be advertised more, it bring in approximately €5000 per year. We need to get all families signed up to it as all kids benefit from the funds. Mr Glynn went through costs for the School and this is available on the Website. Janey Laffey suggested that we get a breakdown of what the Lotto Money goes on. We can get a copy from Mr Glynn of same.

Emily took back the meeting and we went onto speak about the parking and the funding needed for the extension of the car park. A costing of 30,000euro was given as an estimate to extend the parking. This may be reduced if parents are willing to do some of the works as suggested by Mr. Glynn.

When they discussed the extra parking and slowing down traffic, Declan O Loughlin said that he would be there with the Gardai Van and see will it slow down the traffic. Emily highlighted that the slowing down of traffic coming to the junction was discussed with Mr. Glynn at a meeting on 28/2/25 and ramps on the road were suggested. Mr. Glynn to draft a letter to the local political representatives regarding the installation of ramps. Emily asked the parents in attendance regarding funding for the extension of the parking. Parents reported that they feel the lotto needs to be encouraged and for all families to sign up.

A message about the allocated pick up times needs to be sent out and ask people to stick to the time allocated to their family. Caroline Graham suggested a Bumper Breaker be put in on the ground to stop cars going back to far and hitting the kerb of the footpath. Marie Quigley suggested that kids move on more promptly out of the classroom.

5 KM Walk – all parents agreed to €30 registration and they will also be entered into a draw from a hamper on the day. We need to ask Mr Glynn to send out a message for any donations to the hampers be sent in via the children and we will have a cut off to the collection on the Wednesday the 9th of April. Examples of donations tea, coffee, sugar, biscuits, wine, Easter eggs, chocolate etc. Caroline Graham donated 1 nights B&B for The Feathers Hut and retreat as a prize on the day. Stewards were nominated for the day: Karol Fitzgearld, Dermot Morrissey and Enda Mulryan. Sweeper-Jean Murray, Tractors-Padraic Quigley. Civil defence to be contacted. We will have another meeting on the 9th April at 8.30pm

Meeting concluded 10.00pm