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## **Minutes of School Council Meeting held on 09 FEB 2021**

Members Present:

Excused

Ms. Ben Portelli – Head of School  
Ms. Carmen Grech - President  
Ms Marisa Pace - Teachers Rep  
Ms Debbie Theuma - Kindergarten Educator  
Ms Evangelista Mifsud - LSE  
Ms. Mandy Boulton Cassar - Parent  
Ms. Oriana Abela - Parent  
Mr. Ruben Overend – Parent

### **Microsoft Meeting**

This School Council Meeting was held on Microsoft Teams due to Covid-19 restrictions.

### **New School Council**

Introduction by the new School Council Members (Educators)  
Introduction by the new School Council Members (Parents)  
Introduction to the School Council Aims and Roles by the President Ms Carmen G.

### **Updates by the Head of School**

Ms Ben said that fundraising activities have been limited due to COVID. Furthermore, the school avoided putting burden on parents and legal guardians who might be having financial difficulties because of the pandemic.

In order to keep traditions alive we are selling Carnival's Prinjolata at a profit of around €0.40c. We shall do the same with the Easter Figolli.

The School Council Funds have been used to buy hobz ta' San Martin and Father Christmas Chocolates which were given free to the kids in November and December respectively. On the last day before Carnival Holidays recess, the school will distribute popcorn to Years 1-6 and crisps to KGs. These are also being funded by the School Council Funds.



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### **School Yard Upgrade**

We went through the latest proposal regarding the school yard games. We shall opt for thermoplastic (similar to membrane) which is applied after giving a primer to the floor. The anti-slip game designs will be applied with a blow torch on the thermoplastic. These have a guarantee of 10 years. Due to Brexit, Mandi B. C. is trying to find suppliers in the EU. Oriana A. will check what Duty and VAT rates apply if we get the items from the original supplier in the UK.

### **Online Parents' Day**

Online Parents' Day has proved to be very successful and efficient. Positive feedback was given by both parents and educators. However, some missed the face-to-face connection. The school managed to reach most of the kids that fell off the 'radar' and very few students are not attending school.

### **Kindergarten intake February 2021**

There was a slightly less intake of new KG students this February compared to previous years.

### **Gharghur Public Transport**

Ruben O. notified the school council that the school opening and closing hours were being used by the Public transport provider to stop the provision of public transport in peak hours. Public Transport is an essential service and the school should not be used as an excuse to offer limited service to Gharghur residents. Ruben O. proposed that the School Council makes its position clear on this issue.