



Parent Teacher Association

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PTA Meeting Minutes of Monday 14th May, 2018

Attendees: Gill Davis, Helen Flynn, Niall Tuite, Linda Bell, Steve Hiles, Emma Laffan, Peggy Kim, Alan Robinson

Apologies: Lynne Cole, Aideen Hartney, Vanessa Fitzgerald

1. Matters arising/correspondence

Garden tidy up- A request came from the school to seek some volunteers to help tidy the garden as some areas are overgrown. Volunteers are required on Sunday 27th of May between 5-7pm. Please contact your class rep if you are available to help.

2. ECA update

The PTA are continuing to review if it is viable to outsource all of the activities to a third party provider, starting in September. Ian Dumbleton from Southside Playball (SP) attended the meeting to provide some further details on how it would operate if they manage ECA.

Who are Southside Playball (SP)?

Southside Playball (SP) provide PE and after school programmes to Dublin and Wicklow's primary schools. This includes schools such as Glenageary Killiney National School, St Andrews and St Brigid's. Southside Playball (SP) is run by Ian Dumbleton, who already teaches ECA (multi sport and basketball) in BNS. He is also a past pupil of BNS. For more information on Southside Playball. <http://southsideplayball.com/>

How will it work with Southside Playball (SP)?:

- Sports classes will be available including an improved range of classes
- Other activities (in current BNS ECA timetable) may be provided as can be subcontracted to SP. SP will charge an administration fee to these providers.
- Timetable will be available online on the SP website
- An email can be sent to parents with the SP website link or a flyer can be sent in school bags to notify of timetable and registration
- Registration will take place online only
- Payment will be made online only
- A list of all registered children for each class will be made available to the school
- 2 coaches will always be present for sports and are fully trained, insured, garda vetted and first aid certified.
- Supervisors can also be provided by SSS who will be insured, garda vetted and first aid certified.
- A whatsapp group can be created by SP for classes and used for any queries or cancellations
- An ECA co-ordinator may be required to liaise between SP, the school and parents.



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Next steps:

This outsourcing solution will only be viable if minimum numbers are reached. It was discussed to open up the ECA to non- BNS students. All Saints school were since contacted but logistically the times of ECA wouldn't work for them.

Hall hire costs for SP need to be negotiated. Some further discussion is required with the school and Board of Management before a final decision can be taken. If approved, this will commence in September.

If you have any feedback on this proposal, please contact your class rep.

3. Playground update

a. Bike stand shelter cover

The quotation received to complete this work is €5,600, which includes adding a lien to, removing plants and tarmac the area. This is double the budget that was allocated so we will seek another quotation. If anyone has any contacts or suggestions, please contact Alan Robinson. It was also noted that it is proving difficult to get trades people to quote for "small jobs".

b. Improving playground facilities

Completion of bike shed area

Padding around columns- The quotation received for this was also very high, it costs €220 for a wrap around pad per column. Further discussion needed with the school on this request.

Murals on walls- Rachel contacted DLRCoCo (Artist in Residence) regarding this and is awaiting to hear back to see if a tile mural is suitable for outside. Vanessa Butler is also checking possibilities with some contacts. It was noted that the surface is pebble dashed so it may be difficult to paint over.

Outdoor Toys - The PTA gave the go ahead to purchase a giant Connect Four and velcro Dart board. A budget has been set aside for an outdoor storage box with a lock and noted that it will be costly.

4. Fundraising

Decision re fundraising activity and purpose

A draft of the 5 year capex plan has been discussed at the Board Of Management meeting and will be discussed again at the next officers' meeting. It will be discussed at the next PTA meeting in June. The PTA will then be in a better position to decide where the PTA funds are spent and the focus for future fundraising activity.



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5. Events planning/update

a. Quiz Night

The quiz was a fantastic success and thanks to all those involved, in particular Helen, Dolores, Brian and Will and to all those who donated prizes. €1600 was raised on the night. We look forward to this being an annual event.

b. International Day

International Day was another great success and a huge thanks to Gill Davis for coordinating it. The posters are still up in the hall and a quiz for the children will take place over the next few days.

c. Sports Day

Sports Day is on the 9th of June at 2pm, thanks to those who have volunteered so far. If anyone else would like to volunteer, please contact Niall Tuite. Medals will be given out to 1st, 2nd and 3rd for each race. Similar to last year, ice creams will be available for all children. A few rules to note - no dogs are allowed on the grounds and parents are asked not to stand on the astro turf areas. If you have any suggestions, please contact your class rep.

PTA – Event schedule & Lead organisers – 2018

Spring/Summer term 2018				
Event activity	Date	Lead organiser	Other volunteers	Fundraising purpose
New Entrants Meeting –Tea/ Coffee at	17 th May Time 1.30- 2.10pm	Aideen Hartney Emma Laffan	n/a	n/a
Teddy Bears Picnic	24 th May	Helen Flynn	n/a	n/a
Sports Day	9 th June Time 2pm	Niall Tuite	Volunteers required	n/a

6. AOB

PTA Meetings - Next meeting: 12th June
PTA General Meeting 2018/2019 11th September