



Parent Teacher Association

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PTA Minutes: Monday 16th January, 2017

Attendees: Glenn Sherry, Niall Tuite, Shameela Lyons, Adeleh Davis, Steve Hiles, Aideen Hartney, Emma Laffan, Andrea McNamara, Gill Davis,

Apologies: Martha Fanning, Adeleh Davis, Vanessa Fitzgerald, Shirley Thornton

1. Correspondence

- a) Brian Flynn has requested that any volunteers for the Beaver/Cub & Scout troop to contact the school or the PTA. 4 volunteers are required to enable the troop be fully functional.
- b) Request from school for PTA to fund cost of Cyber Safety talk for 3rd-6th class pupils and parents on January 31st. Agreed by PTA. Fee of €500 covers daytime talk for pupils and evening talk for all parents

2. BOM and PTA minutes were discussed from the meeting on the 23rd of Nov. (circulated to all parents)

- a) ECA – Peggy Kim has volunteered to take over some of the registration & invoicing roles as Adeleh Davis is stepping down. The PTA wish to thank Adeleh for all her tireless work in getting the ECA programme running. We thank Peggy for volunteering.
- b) Playground Improvement – BOM are fully supported the upgrading the bike sheds.
- c) BOM will revert to the PTA following their next meeting with an update on the voluntary collection levels.

3. ECA update

ECA teachers' payments, as well as pupil/payment reconciliation, in progress. See above re personal changes.

4. Bikeshed renovations:

There is a budget of €5,000 agreed by the PTA to be allocated to renovating the bikeshed in the playground. Intention to have this as multi use area for the pupils. Shameela passed on ideas from the children. Niall Tuite & Steve Hiles volunteered to manage this project over the next number of months. Timeline is to have the work completed by May 2017.

Volunteers with some expertise in building /carpentry/architecture and electrics are required. Please contact the school or Niall / Steve directly.



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5. Social Evening:

There was a disappointing turnout at the Parents social drinks in November in Gleasons. The venue and the date and a more formal invite will be issued next year.

Next social gathering will be the School Picnic in May.

6. Winter Fair:

There was a noted appreciation to Gill Davis & Emma Laffan and all who helped for their work in making the Winter Fair such a success both in organisation and from a fund raising perspective.

The date for next year was discussed and Andrea suggested an earlier date may be better for attracting stall holders.

7. PTA Room

We are going to look at the current PTA room/cupboard in the school to have some shelved built so it can be used for storing materials and event detail

8. PTA website

PTA Events are now on the website. Minutes to be posted to PTA tab of website.

9. AOB

- a) PTA meetings: Gleeson's on Mondays 6th Feb, 6th March, 3rd April, 6th May and 12th June. (NB 6th May a bank holiday, may shift to 8th May).
- b) International Day – there was a discussion on firming the dates for International Day(s). The school will confirm but it looks like a date that is pre Easter Break looks to be best. It may also be over 2 days to allow parents to come in and also to allow further learnings for the students.
- c) Christmas Lanterns – Parents will be able to collect their children's Christmas Lanterns after assembly on Friday the 17th of February.