



## Parent's Association

**Parent's Association Meeting - Date: 25/4/09**

### Open Parents Association Meeting

**Present:** Suejan Lee, Caroline Harte, Erica Guiry, Val and Thomas McMullan, Yamini, Principal Catherine, Catherine Matthews, Erin Endoo, Hein Elhardt, Joseph Cryan, Stephan Loughlin, Garrett Phelan, Norma Prause-Bauer

**Apologise:** Francis Scott, Ramona Parkes and Sarah Kernahan

**Minutes:** Catherine Matthews

**Items for Discussion:**

**Executed by:** Outcome:  
**Date:** (Supply date/ details)

**Item 1: Communication between PA committee and general body of parents**

1. The PA will hold a general open parents meeting every term.
2. A suggestion box for the PA to be considered at the school entrance.
3. PA website will have all committee meeting minutes.
4. A notice board specifically for the PA to be considered.

**Item 2: Pre-enrolment day 27/28 of May 09**

Principal Catherine

There is a need for volunteers to clean, set up 2 classrooms, provide refreshments, and to supervise children on the day.

**Item 3: Teddy Bear Picnic Fundraiser 19/7/09**

Norma P-B

1. Need for volunteers on the day. A sign up sheet is available on the notice board. Contact Norma with any offered help.
2. Some newspapers have provided free advertising.

**Item 4: School Play "The Jungle Book"**

Principal Catherine

Ongoing rehearsals are ongoing and Sarah Kernahan is lending her artistic flair to the backdrop. As no room in school large enough Norma P-B has proposed Greystones Theatre as a possible venue and principal Catherine to pursue.

**Item 5: Library Room**

Principal Catherine

P. Catherine would like to develop a library room upstairs for weekly visits by the children. She proposed pursuing a donation of a permanent wall-to-wall red carpet to make the room quite and cosy. Any parent who could help in securing this donation to contact Catherine.

<b>Item 6: Computer Room</b>	Principal Catherine	A parent has amazingly secured a sizable donation of computers, which will be set up over the summer.
<b>Item 7: Playground</b>	Norma Prause-Brauer	Norma has provided her artistic skills in order to improve the children's play area. She has consulted the Board of Management and the Gaelscoil with the proposed designs and is on the cusp of executing her creation.
<b>Item 8: Green Schools Project</b>	Geraldine Barnes - Resource Teacher	Geraldine has begun the multistep process of winning a green schools flag, e.g. composting green waste from school lunches and saving on heating bills, planting vegetables in association with the green fingered Stephen Loughlin.
<b>Item 9: PA Website</b>	Ramona Parkes	The PA website is active thanks to Ramona's technical skills. PA minutes and info are now available. <a href="http://www.Greystonesetpa.org">http://www.Greystonesetpa.org</a>
<b>Item 10: Planting on the school campus</b>	Principal Catherine	Principal Catherine to seek parent volunteers for each stage of campus beautification/planting project. She will consult the Gaelscoil and the architect plans (re future building).
<b>Item 11: PA Constitution</b>	Joseph Cryan, Stephen Laughlin and Gareth Phelan	A PA constitution is being worked on currently and will be agreed in consultation with the BOM and parents who are non-committee members. This document is likely to be ready by the <b>AGM</b> (proposed date 7/11/09 @2pm).
<b>Item 12: Bookfair</b>	Erin Edoe and Yamini	Erin Edoe and Yamini will champion a proposed Bookfare next year.
<b>Item 13: Educate Together Secondary School</b>	Gareth Phelan	Gareth spoke to the need for a secondary Educate Together school for Greystones in order to continue to educate our children in a school holding the same values and philosophy. Furthermore the issue of finding it difficult to compete for secondary school placements is a real concern. Part of the process involves ensuring that the dept of Ed grants Educate Together Patron status before a move to set up a secondary school can go ahead. There is a postcard campaign proposed to bring the need to the attention of the minister of education. All are asked to bring this issue up with canvassers in the upcoming local elections.
<b>Item 14: Art Exhibition, Presentation College Bray 27/28 of May 09</b>	Suejan Lee	Suejan Lee is a student of art and has generously offered to donate 50% of her sales to the school.

**Item 15: Piano offered**

Stephan  
Loughlin

Stephan Loughlin has generously offered to donate a piano for the school. Any volunteers of tuning the piano would be greatly appreciated.