



<p><b>Parents Association Meeting</b>  <b>Present:</b> Catherine Matthews, Sara Fontonnaz, Garrett Phelan, Evan Furlong, Lee Bonass, Patrick Cusack.  <b>Apologies:</b> Ramona Parkes, Norma Prowse Brewer, Lisa Sterrit</p>	<p><b>MINUTES</b>  LB</p>	<p><b>Greystones Educate Together</b>  <b>Date: January 18<sup>th</sup> 2010</b></p>
<p><b>Items for Discussion:</b></p>	<p><b>Executed by:</b> <b>Date:</b></p>	<p><b>Outcome:</b> <b>(supply date/ details)</b></p>
<p><b>Item 1: Book Fair Tally and Thank you</b></p>	<p>All</p>	<p>Thank to all for your help and time in organizing the event. We managed to raise 850 euro for the school library, 25 for the red cross and additional new childrens' books for our library still to be chosen from Usborne publishers and Celtic book company. Catherine will compose a letter to thank our sponsors for their participation.</p>
<p><b>Item 2: Fundraising Time table and focus</b></p>	<p>All</p>	<p><b>Easter egg hunt:</b>  It was discussed that an Easter Egg Hunt could be organized in Kindlestown, Delgany. Duties or 'jobs' necessary to fill are: someone or several people to monitor the event, a person to lay out the course, a person to create clues, someone to source the materials like flags, markers etc, and someone else to deal with advertising and promotion.  Evan has offered to do the shopping for the eggs and candy items.</p> <p>Message from Norma re possible bag pack day in TESCO upcoming.</p> <p><b>Bake sale/PJ day for Haiti.</b>  This is proposed for February 5<sup>th</sup>, on the staff meeting day. The idea of a pajama day is to be incorporated in a bake sale day.  Evan will collect 1 euro per participating child, with a bucket on the morning of the event. At pick-up. the bake sale is proposed to include only buns, for the sake of simplicity, for a euro apiece...</p>

<p><b>Item 3:</b> Meeting with Gaelscoil PA chairperson</p>	<p>CM</p>	<p>Catherine met with Roisin O'Connell, Gaelscoil PA chairperson. Gaelscoil would like planting to commence very soon. A bigger effort is needed to collaborate on outdoor projects like the rock-moving day. David Plunkett is to take a lead on getting a planting plan established. Joint meeting to be scheduled about school hall.</p>
<p><b>Item 4:</b> Green Schools</p>	<p>NPB/SF</p>	<p>Website not discussed, Norma's initiative, Sarah to liase with Norma. Sara to look into how to build or grow a willow tent for outdoor meetings.</p>
<p><b>Item 5:</b> Computers and IT</p>	<p>PC</p>	<p>There is a committee/ subgroup being organised to deal with computer issues in the school and anything IT related. Presently a panel of about 6 to 8 dads will be meeting to discuss the situation and their focus is how to utilize what we currently have in the school. The GET IT focus group. wants to compile a wishlist for the school, to take stock and build a plan. Gareth and Patrick are establishing this group. Greystoneset.ie and the PA site will be developed, making them more current and user friendly. Patrick proposes he can organize an internet safety evening for the parents, and after school IT assistance for the teachers</p>
<p><b>Item 6:</b> Library Project</p>	<p>All</p>	<p>A group of parents intend to liase with principal Catherine pulling together to offer help in ensuring the library is used to it's best capacity.</p>
<p><b>Item 7:</b> Vaccinations</p>	<p>GF</p>	<p>Gareth to speak with principal Catherine on the schedule of HSE swine-flu vaccinations in the school.</p>
<p><b>Item 8:</b> Road Signage</p>	<p>GF/CM</p>	<p>BOM to discuss at next meeting about approaching the council to install signage alerting drivers of our school.</p>
<p><b>Item 9:</b> Festivals/Chinese New Year</p>	<p>EF</p>	<p>A schedule of festivals to be celebrated and and taught in the classroom this year will be asked of principal Catherine. With a timetable we can plan an event in advance. First one coming up on 14th February is Chinese New Year. Evan is going to directly liase with principal Catherine to see how she would like it to go and see what we can do to create an event to compliment what Catherine is planning. . Evan is also going to contact the Chinese shops in Bray, the Chinese and Taiwanese Embassies, and some other business owners to try and get a Chinese dragon to perform at the school.</p>

