



Parent's Association

Parent's Association Meeting - Date: 12/4/10 Present: Catherine Matthews, Garrett Phelan, Ramona Parkes, Lisa Sterritt, Evan Furlong Apologies: Patrick Cusack, Sara Fontonnaz Sarah Kernaghan, Steven McLaughlin, Lee Bonass Minutes: Evan Furlong		
Item 1: Open day	All	Thanks for all who involved. The open day went really well and was a great success. There were a lot of new parents turned up and the school has got more enrolment for future. The school is still accepting applicants for Junior Infants Sept 2010.
Item 2: Resignation	All	Unfortunately we have lost four PA committee members and we are now down to 10. Norma has resigned but she will be organising the TESCO bags pack in Sept.
Item 3: Green Schools	SK and CM	Catherine and Sarah K has done up an letter for the green school funding application of 600 euro and sent to the donation company.
Item 4: Internet safety evening	ALL PC RP	Pat is initiating a parents internet safety evening. This information session would outline the importance of monitoring children online and raise awareness of current social media issues. This event is proposed for Wed 28th April at school. Pat is to run it by principal re using the school premises. Pat is to send details info to Ramona Send out emails to parents

Item 5: Jack and Jill foundation	ALL	Ongoing action point. The collection box is available and Catherine suggested perhaps asking the parents to advertise this in their work places. PA still deciding if they can focus efforts on this project for the time being.
Item 6: Extra Curricular Activities	All	The school has started the extra curricular activities this week and thanks to all who involved.
Item 7: Parents only social event	All LS RP	PA has proposed an evening event of non fund raising social gathering for all parents on Friday 14th May 7.30 pm The Burnaby Bar. Lisa is looking into the venue and will send the details to Ramona. Email the invitation to all parents
Item 8: Teddy Bear Picnic	ALL GP RP EF	PA is going ahead with the teddy bear picnic due to the great success for the last two years. There will be similar theme (fund raiser, teddy bear hospital, puppet show, face painting, balloons, cakes, coffee/tea, goodie bags, bouncing castles, spin the wheel, sponsor walks, food stands & etc.) at the same venue as last year. It is proposed to be on Sun 20th June. Secure the venue Invite all parents who would like to help and join the sub-committee Set up a teddy bear Gmail group Sub-committee will meet in two weeks time Find out if PA can get sponsorship re food/crepes stand
Item 9: AOB A allocated PA computer	ALL RP GP	Possible donate one old laptop Will set up a network connection in the parents room.
School's list of events	EF	Evan will ask the Principal again re the list of school events

Road safety	ALL	Ongoing action point. Catherine brought this up and PA needs to find out the story about putting a school sign up and perhaps a zebra crossing.
PA Communications	ALL	PA is considering using SMS as well as other communication methods to all parents.
	RP	Looking into the free O2 SIM and set up the web text and database of consent parents.
Individual class contact directory	ALL	PA is looking into compiling the parent directory of each individual class and has it available to the parents of the same class.
Sport day	CM	Find out what PA's involvement and what kind of support we should be providing from the principal.
Next meeting: Tue May 11th 2010		