



Greystones Educate Together Parents Committee meeting, April 4, 2011

Attended by: Pat Cusack, Barbara Campbell, Garrett Phelan, Katarzyna Nikonowicz, Lynnea Connolly, Aran McMahon, Dave Malone & Evan Furlong

Apologies: Niamh Collins

Chaired by: Pat Cusack

Minutes: E Furlong

Agenda:

- Race night - summary
- Patrick's Day parade
- Easter Egg hunt
- New junior infants event
- BOM updates
- Green school
- School events calendar.
- Parents survey
- School/PA website
- Bag notes/Communication
- AOB

Race night fundraiser

The race night was a great success and we had a great time. We have raised €2,641 after cost for the school but the decision yet to be made as how school will spend the fund where originally set to towards the transport and extra curricular activities. PA is still owed 150 euro from two race sponsors. Thank you letters have been sent to all sponsors by Barbara and Evan.

PA has concern at the low turnout of parents for the race night even though it was financially successful.

PA would like to have this fundraiser annually and ideally hold in a pub as it's generated some income from the general public too. We felt that the future events like this can marketing wider audiences and explain to the parents in details about the raise night and make it a very socialable night out as well as fundraiser.

PA would like to sell the social event out to the parents in the future and a survey for preferable social events will be organised by Lynnea.

Garrett will be getting the dish washer for the school.

St. Patrick's day parade

PA is delighted that our school has won the Most Original Entry at St Patrick's parade in Greystones in 2011. Well done to everyone who worked and helped towards this event.

Easter Egg Hunt

PA felt we have just done a race night and the Easter Egg Hunt is too close to the raise night and hard to ask the parents again so has voted not to do it this year.

New junior infants event

Jr infant induction day will be hold sometimes in May (to be confirmed) and PA will put some information together for the Induction pack. Evan will be talking to Jessica about this.

Event calendar

We are now on year one of the school curricular/ethos event calendar. Barbara will be meeting the principal to clarify some of the events that didn't seem to fit into the right time of the year.

BoM update

A PA and BoM joined meeting has been scheduled on 23rd May (to be confirmed).

The BoM is currently working on the school budget for 2012. PA is wondering could an written update be available by the end of the school year. Possible a sub-group meeting between the PA and BoM re financial figures and budget could be arranged.

School's child protection policy is currently being reviewed by BoM either we should follow through and reinforce the existing policy that anyone who has regular contact with children should be garda vetted (to be confirmed) or change the existing policy and follow the ET policy that anyone who has one on one contact with children should be garda vetted.

Pat will follow this up with BoM on changing the policy.

Green school

Green school project has spent 400 euro and Hana will look into spending the 200 euro left over for more garden stuff.

Parents' survey

Lynnea suggested a survey on Parental volunteering pledge and ask parents to commit number of hours each toward the school per year. Both Lynnea and Aran will look into more details and work on the proposal. Pat will ask principal's view on this.

School website

School website is out-dated. Teacher Conor has been assigned to maintain the school website.

AOB

Pat will invite Tanya, our new Parent rep to our PA googlegroup.

Garrett will re-visit the cost of getting the outdoor parent's Notice board.

PA newsletter will be delay and hoping to be available in 3rd term.

Aran has volunteered to host the parents coffee mornings, details will be posted on the PA website once it's available

PA is investigating to have its own text to parents service

PA felt that school should have a Dos/Don'ts guidelines for the swimming lesson volunteers.

School's opening time was often late. PA would like to look into a good solution for this.

It is very unlikely the school will make up the snow time we lost last year.

Next meeting

Monday, 9th May @ 19.45 - Subject to change – please refer to website for any updates.