

Minutes of GETNS PA Committee
27th June 2012, 8 pm

Attended by:

Fiona Nic Choiligh (Chair), Susan Battah, Evan Furlong, Niamh Mac Cárthaigh, Mona McCrea, Katarzyna Nikonowicz and Eimear McCarthy.

Apologies:

Jane Browne, Fiona McCarthy, Aran McMahon, Peter Bishton, Catherine Boothman, Sarah Kernaghan, John Callaghan, Garrett Phelan.

Welcome and approval of last meeting's minutes

The minutes of the last meeting were approved. The minutes of the joint PA and BOM meeting were discussed.

School book costs

There have been a few queries from parents into the costs of school books and sundries for September 2012. While school books costs were thought to be reasonable, a breakdown of sundries would be useful. It was also queried whether Junior Infants require a homework journal as it was only used for the absent slips. **ACTION: Fiona Nic to ask PC for breakdown of sundries and JI homework journal.**

Welcome our New Treasurer

Eimear McCarthy handed over the position of treasurer to Susan Battah. **ACTION: Eimear to hand over treasurer box to Susan. Susan to explore setting up deposits over weekends for the backpack in August.**

Mini Marathon

The PA would like to formally thank Nicky and Emma for raising much needed funds for our school. **ACTION: Niamh to email Nicky.**

Accommodation issues

In order to accommodate the new pupils in September 2012 alterations need to be made to the existing school building. Quotes for this work have gone into the Department of Education. The school expects to hear back from the Department by the end of next week so that works can be carried out over the summer. Because the current store room will be incorporated into a new classroom, the Gaelscoil have offered us a store room for the coming year. Volunteers are needed to move this equipment to the Gaelscoil.

It has been highlighted that the interior paint used in the existing school is of low quality. With the help of parents it may be possible to obtain more durable, better quality paint for the new school building. This could also involve murals etc.

ACTION: Volunteers required to move equipment to Gaelscoil. Consider a fundraiser for Quality Paint or donations

Danny's Dance-athon

All plans are in place for Danny's Dance-athon. Thanks to Niamh and Lir for doing up the flyers. Doyles butchers donating 11lbs of cocktail sausages to the school. The Copper Kettle will cook the sausages and provide 220 rolls. Catherine Boothman will provide cheese rolls for the vegetarians. The rolls will be brought into each class. Cakes will be collected at 9.10 and sold from 12. **ACTION:** Fiona Nic to ask PC to text parents reminding them of cake sale, drop off at 9.10 and sale from 12. Ask to set up a table to receive cakes.

Tesco Bag Pack

Niamh has put up a poster with dates and times for the bag pack in August. Volunteers are required.

ACTION: Fiona Nic to ask PC to send out the Bag Pack note. Niamh to take t-shirts now as school will be closed. Eimear has the buckets.

Sports day safety issue

A parent emailed the school raising safety issues from the sports day in June. Essentially there were two main concerns, one being that children were going to the toilet either unsupervised or going with a person who was not Garda vetted. The second issue concerned the lack of structure at the end of sports day and asked if it would be possible to line up each class next year so that children could be collected in an orderly fashion.

ACTION: Fiona Nic to bring up with PC and follow up on email.

Parents social evening

The parents social evening is planned for the last day of school, Friday 29th June at the Beach House at 8.30. All welcome.

School Calendar

As discussed at the joint PA/BOM meeting, the PA will email the BOM with a list of events to be included in the school calendar. Events emailed were: Treasure hunt (Sept), Halloween disco (Oct), Craft fair (Nov), Christmas cards (Dec), Race night (Feb), Ceili (March), Art Day (May), Mini Marathon (June) Sports day (June), School trip (week of), School play (?), Danny's Danceathon (last day of school). **ACTION:** PA to email Fiona Nic with any additional events by Thursday 28th June. Fiona Nic to email list to BOM on Friday 29th.

Treasure Hunt

A subcommittee has been set up and preparations are under way. Three routes are planned; easy, medium and difficult which will all end back at the school. The school will be the ultimate treasure with people collecting parts of a jigsaw (or something?) along the way which will join together to make up the ethos of the school. The finer details of this need to be worked out. Volunteers are required to join the subcommittee. **ACTION: Fiona Nic to email details of next subcommittee meeting.**

Craft Fair

Plans for the Craft Fair are going really well.

PTA

There was a brief discussion on the possibility of having a PTA next year. It was thought that it could be very useful and would improve communications to have a teacher at meetings.

ACTION: Fiona Nic to investigate.

APPENDIX 1 LIST OF ACTIONS TO BE TAKEN

1. Fiona Nic to ask PC for breakdown of sundries and JI homework journal.
2. Eimear to hand over treasurer box to Susan.
3. Susan to explore setting up deposits over weekends for the backpack in August.
4. Niamh to email thankyou to Nicky.
5. Volunteers required to move equipment to Gaelscoil.
6. Fiona Nic to ask PC to text parents reminding them of cake sale, drop off at 9.10 and sale from 12. Ask to set up a table to receive cakes.
7. Fiona Nic to ask PC to send out the Bag Pack note.
8. Niamh to take t-shirts now as school will be closed.
9. Eimear has the buckets for the Bag Pack.
10. Fiona Nic to discuss sports day issues with PC and follow up on email.
11. PA to email Fiona Nic with any additional events for the school calendar by Thursday 28th June.
12. Fiona Nic to email list to BOM on Friday 29th.
13. Fiona Nic to email details of next Treasure Hunt subcommittee meeting.
14. Fiona Nic to investigate PTA.