

## Parents Association Meeting 08/11/16 - Minutes

**Attendees;** LB (Sec), CW(Chair), SF (Treas), CM, BJ, COT, JD(Event Coordinator), SS(BOM) HM VP, JK

### Announcements;

- Fundraising – Jackie thanked and paid tribute to everybody involved in raising €1000 from the clothes Recycle and especially to Stef for collecting bags from the night before
- Parent teacher meeting notes to be home this week and teachers will be flexible should the need to reschedule a meeting arise.
- 5 Loaves homeless charity chosen to benefit from Halloween Disco funds
- Thank You to Kate for designing posters for recycle and Halloween disco
- Thank You to Brendan for the lighting
- Thank You to Liz for organising Christmas Cards
- TCG have received funding for traffic management. Catherine to discuss potential for GETNS to benefit from this funding.
- Building works on/ahead of schedule for completion March 2017
- 4 American students have commenced in the school
- New teaching staff settling well
- Blaitin had a baby boy
- play works is being incorporated into PE and Yard games
- Pocket Money items to be dropped Friday 11/11 at morning drop off
- Treasurer Update
  - Craft Fair-
    - €35 per stall to be paid by stall holders
    - 33 stall holders confirmed
  - Insurance premium has been paid
  - Account Balance €1370 ( once all lodged cheques cleared)
- PRO and Kate are reviewing website

### Discussion points;

- Halloween Disco – children accessing entire school, school management did not lock doors as had been arranged
- Date for SuperValu bag pack discussed
- Update – no bag pack to happen in SuperValu ref; JD's email
- JD stated preference to defer Multi Cultural event to final term
- Photographer working group established, questionnaire to be issued
- Mindfulness and Yoga – query on whether any parent would/could volunteer to teach classes
- Creative writing workshop 'Fighting Words' query on whether this would be of interest to the school
- Purpose of work groups and structure – reporting back to PAC
- Potential uses of all funds raised discussed

### Actions;

- Chair to organise Christmas film/shorts
  - Date for screening to be confirmed
- COT to liaise with CC re organising bag pack
  - Action suspended as no bag pack confirmed
  - Potential alternatives being explored

- VP to request teacher participation in 'learning outdoors' working group
  - Due date; 14/11 at staff meeting
  - Update due next meeting
- Admissions policy – school Mgt have requested PAC input, and requested Bray School Project admissions policy be reviewed as point of reference.
  - Chair to establish feedback page for contributions
- VP to provide junior yard measurements, to allow costings for netting be obtained
  - Due date; ASAP
  - VP to get clarification of space requirements for play works and drama
  - Due date; ASAP
- VP to request teacher input/opinions on website utilisation for comms/announcements to parents
  - Due date; 14/11
- Chair to provide school Mgt with copy of photographer questionnaire
  - Due Date; ASAP
- Charity Policy – working group to be established to select charity for next school year, within this school year
  - Owner; JD Due Date; tbc
- No Fry Zone – chair / JD to arrange erection of 'Thank You' banner
  - Due date; ASAP
- VP to provide list of 'special education needs' students to JD for onward distribution to class coordinators
- COT to develop schedule of activities for all classes to be shared with class coordinators
- PA to offer gesture to new ET secondary school at request of school Mgt
  - Owner and due date to be agreed
- Gardening committee to be established in March 2017
  - Owner chair
  - YS raised concerns over timing. YS offered to continue with garden works until committee established.
  - YS to seek funding of €200 from BOM
  - YS also seeking volunteer assistance (weekends)
  - YS to prepare 'wish list' for review by PA – to be submitted for review ASAP
- AC to request funding to facilitate website refresh
- Clarification on role of/benefits to be realised by having teachers attend cyber bullying talk to be sought.
- Talk host requirements/qualification/experience to be determined/verified
  - Owner CW Due Date TBD
- Sex Ed – none before 4<sup>th</sup> class, some parents have raised a concern about early onset of puberty happening before topic has been addressed/discussed in school