

Parents Association Meeting 4/10/16 - Minutes

Attendees; LB (Sec), CW(Chair), SF (Treas), JV, BJ, MK, COT, JCD, JK, AC(PRO), SP, YS(website & garden), JD(Event Coordinator), BC (BOM)

Announcements;

- Aoife Clancy appointed to role of PRO by Chair
- Parent teacher meetings to take place week commencing Nov 21st
- 4 American students to attend school in early 2017
- Harvest celebrations prior to Mid Term, request from school Mgt for parent volunteer, in conjunction with a 'Harvest Display'
- Halloween Disco to take place Thursday Oct 27th
 - To include infants games on same day but not at disco
- Fire Drills to take place over coming weeks
- Tin whistles to replace recorders
- Assemblies to commence in 2 weeks (1st class up)
- Multi Cultural to take place April 2017, Wednesday prior to school holidays. Invitation to be issued to all parents.
- Principal offered congratulations to new North Wicklow ET secondary school. Requested 'gesture'
- Admissions policy to be changed. School management to advise timescale for completion.
- PA website to be merged with School run and managed website.
- Kate thanked for Playworks
- Teaching staff thanked for curriculum meetings held week commencing 26/9
- Parent volunteers required for both Halloween Disco and Junior Games
- Cyber Bullying talk to be hosted for teachers and parents. Date to be confirmed.
- Working group established, lead by Annette Kelly, to review photographer used for class photos
- All volunteer parents must be Garda vetted

Discussion points;

- Teacher to be sought for tin whistles, suitable individual will have to be Garda vetted
- Sports facilities access. Unhappy with level of access offered by Temple Carraig, proposal to approach local developers to assess feasibility of development of sports facilities for school's use.
- Concerns raised over health and safety issues associated with on going construction works. School mgt aware and reviewing.
- JD presented sample posters for Halloween Disco and Textile Recycle
- Suggestion that JI or SI parents volunteer for Junior Games and senior parents volunteer for Disco
- Christmas card template received – Agreement reached to omit any wording from card

- Cyber bullying talk host proposed cost approx €500. Query on whether parent could deliver something similar at lesser or no cost.
 - Discussion around what qualifies somebody to host this kind of talk

Actions;

- PA to offer gesture to new ET secondary school at request of school Mgt
 - Owner and due date to be agreed
- Charity to benefit from proceeds of Halloween Disco to be chosen
 - Owner and due date to be agreed. To be discussed by PA prior to confirmation
- Halloween Disco poster approved
- Gardening committee to be established in March 2017.
 - 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
- Textile Recycle to be revised and represented for approval
 - Owner; SP Due Date; ASAP
- 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 ASAP
- Sex Ed – none before 4th class, some parents have raised a concern about early onset of puberty happening before topic has been addressed/discussed in school