

Minutes of Maynooth BNS PTA Meeting 2nd March 2010

No.	Item	Action
	<p>Previous Minutes The minutes of the previous meeting on 2nd February 2010 were proposed and seconded.</p>	
1.0	Matters Arising	
1.1	The previous meeting's decision with regards to the holding of the Sponsored Walk has been reversed due to a clash of dates. Given the healthy state of current finances, any decision on future fundraising will be taken based on specific financial requirements.	
1.2	It was agreed pending approval by the school that the PTA will provide funding for resources (CDs and teachers) for the teaching of three foreign languages German, French and Spanish to help 5 th and 6 th classes with their decision for a language for Post Primary. Classes could run once a week from Sept - Christmas. Pending timetables PTA may have sourced Teachers for Spanish and German. French TBD. The estimated cost is €2,000.	
1.3	Confirmation: Teas and helpers worked out fine on the day so a big thank you to all involved.	
1.4	Still no word from Declan Kehoe, the Road Safety Officer from the council. Further follow-up required.	
2.0	Treasurer's Report	
2.1	The present balance is €12,321.45 with €7,043 of this already committed. Total cheques still to be cashed were €284.32.	
2.2	Requests: No additional requests were made.	
3.0	Public Relations Officer Report	
	In PRO's absence, this report was carried over to the April meeting.	
4.0	AOB	
4.1	A newsletter is due again. Topics to be covered include a reminder for the second instalment of contributions as well as the ongoing availability of the Cookbook.	

- 4.2 The home page of the school website is currently being redesigned. All content changes are now being handled by the school.
- 4.3 The First Holy Communion in May is the next Teas occasion. It was agreed that parents of the current 3rd Class will be canvassed for assistance on the day. A note to be sent to these parents through the three class teachers. The issue of having a group photo of the boys was also brought up. However, it was felt that the logistics of organising this on the day would make it impractical to achieve so there will be no change to existing arrangements. A cameraman has been booked for a DVD.
- 4.4 The PTA agreed that funding is available to pay for/subsidise activities such as swimming lessons and recorder lessons. Request was made to know the cost of swimming for a term. The school is also asked to approach the PTA first before requests for funds are made to parents.
- 4.5 Subject choices for Secondary School came up as an issue. The suggestion was made that Transition Year students talk to 6th Class parents and pupils about the various choices available. This suggestion was on the basis that Transition Year students work in the school on Fridays anyway. This event should be timed for January to coincide with the Post-primary's requirements.
- 4.6 It was agreed that a voucher for The Cliff House Hotel be purchased as a gift to Joe McBride in recognition of his retirement. It was suggested that Ivan Flood be approached to make the presentation on the night.
- 4.7 New school policies to be reviewed following on from a review by staff.
- 4.8 The 6th Class Community Day has been set for the 21st June. A volunteer from the committee is being sought to join the organising team so that we can spread the knowledge of the very important activity. Names will be accepted at the next meeting.

Next Meeting -Tuesday 13th April 2010