

St. Mary's BNS, Maynooth
Parent Teacher Association January Meeting Minutes

Date: Tuesday 6th January, 2015

Attendees: Ita Smyth (IS), Külli Adamberg (KA), Julia Hensey (JH), Gemma Brazil (GB), Anne Gilligan (AG), Kathy Morrissey (KM), Jean Martyn (JM), Margaret Sims (MS), Wendy Raleigh (WR), Barbara Gillen (BG), Helen Crawford (HC), Bridget McCaul (BM)

Apologies: Keelin Fitzgerald (KF), Peter Coakley (PC), Carmelia Jordan (CJ)

1.0 Approval of Minutes

1.1 The minutes were proposed by JM and seconded by JH.

2.0 Financial Update

2.1 Opening balance was €12001.32, with €5731.18 already committed to for the year. Available balance is therefore €6,270.14.

It was agreed that €1,500 should be isolated from available balance for spending towards iPads.

3.0 School Requests

3.1 No new school requests this month.

JM confirmed amount available for sports equipment is €1,335. MS advised Mr Downes is going to take this over.

4.0 Review of December events

4.1 Coffee shop at cake sale raised €278.10 which went towards the funding of Santa's visit / Christmas party.

The group discussed whether a bigger coffee morning could be held in the school hall. It was suggested we could hold one on the last morning of school before Easter holidays.

4.2 Santa's visit / Christmas party went really well and all the boys really enjoyed it.

5.0 January / February and Spring calendar

5.1 Coin Challenge

Launch date suggested as Monday 26th January, and weigh-in date Monday 9th February, which will give the boys 2 weeks to bring in coins.

Counting to then take place from Tuesday 10th - Friday 13th February. GB suggested that we could do counting in evenings as well as mornings, to allow more people to help.

It was suggested that the coin challenge be advertised as a fundraiser towards more iPads (eg. we have raised enough for 3 iPads, but 5 more are needed).

IS asked if everyone could keep any sweet containers, and ideally encourage classes to separate coins where possible into separate containers or bags.

KM will ask MM if she could arrange the pig template like previous years.

Weighing scales will also be required. Last year we borrowed from the clothing collection company, but we haven't planned to do a clothing collection with them this year.

5.2 Open Day - Friday 13th February

PTA to do tea and coffee, and do a notice board with photos.

5.3 Sponsored Walk - Sunday 19th April

Date now changed to Sunday 19th April as the previous date which had been penciled in of 26th April clashes with the Girls school's First Communion weekend.

KM will advise secretary of GAA of the date to avoid clashes of events. GB will advise soccer club contacts.

6.0 AOB

6.1 IS confirmed that PC has booked the DVD recording for Communion / Confirmation.

6.2 It had previously been asked whether the PTA should consider subsidising a hoodie with printed signatures for 6th class boys when graduating.

The full price is approx. 22 euro per hoodie, and there are 70 boys this year. The group discussed how much the PTA could subsidise if they were to offer this (eg. 10 euro per boy?).

JM will check prices with suppliers.

- 6.3 MS said there is a CD with photos for the website which can be collected from the office. WR said she now has access for the PTA blog.
- 6.4 IS and KM to discuss getting numbers onto PTA mobile phone contact list.
- 6.5 MS said the school is starting a big push on attendance, and will be encouraging this through weekly, termly, and yearly attendance awards.

Next meeting - Tuesday 3rd February at 8pm