

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

1.0 Approval of Minutes

1.1 The minutes were proposed and seconded.

2.0 Financial Update

2.1 Opening balance was €13,424.27, with €4,018.40 already committed to for the year (including recurring costs). Available balance is therefore €9,405.87.

Voluntary contributions received at first count are €5,560, which is up €1,000 on last year's first count. Reminder to go in next newsletter to parents.

The Christmas Card Project resulted in a profit of ~ €1,500. There was a 70% uptake within the school. This was a fantastic result and huge thanks go to JH for all her efforts and to all the volunteers who helped out.

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3.0 School Requests

3.1 Books (Big Turnip) = €25.25

Guided reading books = €44.16

Replace Novels (Class sets) = €156.74

JI/SI Jolly Phonics = €699.49

Maths equipment = €50.00

Also advised that the school is looking to purchase 4 new cameras (approx. €100 per camera).

They are also looking to purchase a dyslexia screening test costing €280-€300 and guidance books of €70.22.

The PTA gave approval to the purchase of these items.

4.0 December / January Calendar

4.1 Cake Sale and PTA Coffee Shop - Friday 5th December:

Pre-fab is being made available for PTA to run a coffee morning alongside the school cake sale. Need approx. 5 volunteers to help.

It was agreed to charge €4 for cake and coffee/tea.

School will set up tea/coffee and provide milk, butter etc.

It was also asked if PTA members could bring some baking to the pre-fab to sell to parents.

4.2 Santa's visit - Friday 12th December

Fire Brigade is booked and Santa due to arrive at 9.45am.

All boys will be coming out to greet him.

PTA said approx. 12 volunteers needed, either morning, afternoon or all day. Also email to go out for volunteers to set up the night before.

4.3 Coin Challenge

In January we will need to agree dates for the Coin Challenge. Last year the Coin Challenge ran for 2 weeks in February.

5.0 PTA Communication

5.1 Confirmed the PTA has purchased a mobile phone.

Phone number is 086 155 0675.

Photographs for PTA website will be available by tomorrow.

6.0 Parking

6.1 The Gardai responded to the PTA's letter about illegal parking at the school, and confirmed they would continue to give their attention to this issue. This will also be highlighted in the next school newsletter.

Next meeting - Tuesday 6th January at 8pm