



Parent Teacher Association

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BNS PTA Meeting
Monday 8th May, 2017

Attendees: Aideen Hartney, Glenn Sherry, Niall Tuite, Shameela Lyons, Gill Davis, Adeleh Davis, Emma Laffan, Martha Fanning

Apologies: Vanessa Fitzgerald, Shirley Thornton, Steve Hiles, Andrea McNamara,

1. Accounts

€6,800 in the PTA account. €500 already spent on paint for bike shed (labour free thanks to the fabulous volunteers). €6,500 fee for flooring and seating (other quote was €7,400). €6.5K includes drainage issue being sorted which hadn't been part of original quote, and includes an 8% discount.

Monies also required to cover Teddy Bears picnic, and Sports Day, amounting to €300-€500.

2. Bike shed refurb progress

Painting underway, huge improvement noted. Flooring and seating need to be done simultaneously, can't be handled in stages. Walling hanging games for the area have been costed and are dearer than envisaged. Agreed to try to complete the core structure first, with games to follow as funds are available.

Issue of fundraising or direct appeal for funds to complete the project was discussed with all in favour of a direct appeal to parents for funds immediately, agreed at a suggested amount of €30 per child or €50 per family. Also agreed to develop vigorous fundraising for 2017/18.

(Subsequently the BOM has kindly donated €1,000 to the PTA to complete the flooring and seating component of the project. Once the pattern of use of the bike shed has been established, games can be purchased.)

3. Summer events

Teddy Bears picnic for incoming Junior Infants 25th May, with Glenn Sherry looking after it. Some of the PTA who will be attending with their own incoming infant agreed to prepare sandwiches, buns etc. Gift to be ordered.

Summer picnic on 28th May to revert to being a straightforward picnic. Hall will be available if the weather is poor.

Sports Day on June 10th is booked into St Andrews, with a start time of 2pm. Games for younger pupils and ice creams will be available, as in recent years.



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4. Parent teacher meeting survey results

61 responses to survey, in line with response rate of 62 on the Maths survey two years ago.

Results as follows: -

Q.1 PT meeting seen as broadly easy to attend (41% very easy, 33% fairly easy, 10% fairly difficult, 15% very difficult, 2% don't know)

Q.2 PT meeting seen as very useful (90% very useful, 8% fairly useful and 2% don't know)

Q.3 Preferred month sees mixed response. Amongst those expressing a preference 20% prefer November and 26% prefer January (46% no preference, 8% other response; December / not December).

Q.4 Preferred time of day also sees mixed response. Amongst those expressing a preference 47% prefer 8.30am -2.10pm and 22% prefer 2.10pm – 4.40 pm. (22% no preference, 9% other response; evenings or outside office hours).

Q.5 Other suggestions regarding PT meetings. 22 responses here. Wide and varied, but two common threads emerged; a) accommodate sibling meetings on the same day and b) carry out sessions in the evenings and outside office hours.

Results appended.

5. PTA AGM 2017/18

Formal notice is given of the PTA AGM 2017 to be held on Tuesday 12th September, at 8pm in the school. All welcome.

6. AOB

Fundraising; to be discussed at next PTA meeting. If the wider school community wish to contribute ideas they would be most welcome.

Volunteers for PTA and ECA; there is a need for a greater number of volunteers for next year. If you can serve on either committee or can help at any event please get in touch with any of the PTA (all members listed in attendees / apologies at the beginning).