

PTA AGM

OCTOBER 17<sup>TH</sup> 2016

STAFF ROOM GETNS

Present: Hugh Mullany (Chairperson), Olive Doherty, Colin Webb , Karen Loughran, Allen Holman, Raymond Swan, Mairead Jordan, Louise Redmond, Laura Kenny, Aleksandra Wosniak, Terence White, Shalini Sinha, Loyola Meireles, Angie Dooley, Tony Ahern, Cliona Greene (minutes)

Apologies: Sarah Anderson, Patricia Guerrin-Doyle

1. Minutes Previous Meeting

No record of minutes from previous AGM available.

2. Update from Chairperson, Hugh

PTA formed in May 2016. Initial focus of PTA:

-Keep events going

-Re-instate parent reps

-Get finances updated and in order

-Get processes on paper so that documents available for any new committee members

Achievements/Activities to date:

- Sixth class end of year evening

- Intro. for new parents

- Treasure hunt

- After school activities programme up and running

- Oven purchased for PTA activities

- New Facebook page in place (99 followers)

3. PTA Constitution

New constitution proposed by PTA Committee. Proposed constitution has been up on Facebook page for number of weeks. All present given opportunity to review and comment on proposed constitution. Significant inclusions in constitution include: publishing minutes and maximum term of two years for individual to serve in any one role on committee.

Constitution also aims that decisions should be by consensus rather than majority vote where possible.

Role for class reps is not defined in constitution as this can be defined by PTA committee

Terence: 4. Paragraph one should state 'PTA committee'

Shalini: review whole doc for above

Agreement: Constitution adopted subject to above amendments.

Proposed Raymond, seconded Cliona.

4. Affiliation with NPC

Raymond: inspectorate will liaise with PTA in school inspections if PTA affiliated with NPC

Hugh: other services include information

Shalini: NPC provide support and training services

Agreed: PTA will affiliate with NPC ( proposed Hugh, seconded Olive)

5. Planned PTA events

Hugh described typical events include:

Sports day support

Discos

Christmas event e.g. winter fair

Suggestions:

Holiday cards fundraiser

Olive: has dealt with local printer (Gorey Print) to negotiate price for cards - children will draw template and parents will have option to buy. Cards will come in packs of ten. Mairead agreed to send mail to teachers advising that aim is to have completed before Halloween break. Shalini: can link with class reps to spread words among parents to help children plan and draw cards.

Disco

Aim for next disco mid- November as prep for Halloween Disco not ready to go for next week.

Friday 25<sup>th</sup> November agreed as date. Olive: to contact DJ to see if available Hugh: organise glo sticks and sweets Shalini: Can ask parent reps for volunteers, Cliona: can help co-ordinate volunteers

Suggestions

Hugh: Parent education, possible topics include anxiety management for children

Mairead: Suggested NPC may have recommended training programmes

Shalini: offered to do talk on management techniques for asthma management

Colm: Suggested talks be framed as 'PTA wellness talk'

Terence: suggested internet safety and classification of games, online gaming/multiplayer games

Louise: suggested consider provision of talk aimed directly at children would be very helpful

Hugh: film club/night, Terence has screen and audio equipment, film licence would need to be paid for.

Hugh working on finalising Survey of parent community

6. Update from Treasurer

Tony: presented summary of accounts to meeting

Afterschool activities: Raymond confirmed that school pays for supervisors, PTA pays subject facilitators

7. Fundraising Targets

Future funding requirements identified at present total €2,900 (sports day medals, autograph books, musical programme, 6<sup>th</sup> class evening)

Possible other outlays: speakers for parent education (cost unknown), art supplies (cost unknown)

8. A.O.B.:

Shalini: no reps for third classes and sixth classes, all other classes have reps. Whats app group up and started.

Next PTA meeting: Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> November 7.30 p.m.