

PTA MEETING April 30th 2025

ATTENDANCE: Raymond, Joanne, Sarah, Elaine, Penny, Aideen and Ivana

ONLINE: Susanna

APOLOGIES: Pauline

PREVIOUS MINUTES

Proposed by Sarah

Seconded by Aideen

FINANCIAL UPDATE

OPENING BALANCE €8,265.54

LODGEMENTS

Astronomy club €40.80

Chess club €200

Disco €825.80

PAYMENTS OUT

Quarterly fee €83.37

Government stamp duty €2.50

BALANCE €9,246.27

PETTY CASH No transactions €126.25

OTHER

Swap €200.75 (€100 paid to NWSPCA €100.75 for Deidre's quiet room)

Cheque to NPC €50

MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD OF MANAGEMENT

School Funds are low and the school may need the PTA to aid school funding rather than projects.

The BOM suggests holding a 3rd disco. It was discussed and we will look at trialling a 3rd disco

PTA MONEY HANDLING DOCUMENT

Please see attached link

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1g34F8k5XdhA9VVKhhYDCGERBHlmW41nsaJqQUHQOR88/edit?usp=drivesdk>

It was decided that paper receipts must be presented for all payouts.
New request forms for payouts will be made.
Any payouts of €50 and over will be paid out by cheque.

SCHOOL COUNCIL

The notebooks have been returned to the school.
The 6th class hoodies arrived and the students are very happy with them.

PARENT REP UPDATE

There is a coffee morning on the 1st May. There will only be one coffee morning per term now. There is some interest as parents will be attending to help at the J.I. and S.I crafts for the 20th anniversary.

From September we will be changing the format of the WhatsApp Class Rep group. There will be community style announcements. The aim will be to keep posts to the point and information will be seen and not get lost.

Elaine and Sarah will do up a form to be sent out to new parents with information on the first day coffee morning and the class WhatsApp group.

GARDENING

There is not much news after the Easter break. Gardening will return back on Tuesday. The rota has been done and shared with teachers. They are preparing for the Plant Sale. The gardening has paired up with the Green Committee which has been great.

Susanna is hoping to change the plan for next year. Instead of a full day it will be changed to smaller groups on more days. Susanna will have a more detailed plan for the next meeting.

The first term invoice has been paid but the most recent invoice hasn't been paid yet. The school will pay the gardening invoices and the PTA will reimburse their half later.

In regards to the gardening invoices. Bulk compost is not included which costs €170 Inc delivery which is enough for the year. Susanna provides extra seeds. Other seeds have been bought and will be included in the price.

For the meantime it was agreed that money raised from gardening events will be recorded and there will be a record kept of how much was raised, how much was spent/paid out and a closing balance. We will look at how best to deal with gardening finances in the new school year and come up with a definite plan.

SCHOOL LUNCHES

There was a meeting with a Fresh Today Rep. Sara will send on an update. €3.20 is the limit per meal. Currently there is no possibility of any improvements. The budget is the biggest issue. The rep took note of the suggestions.

New guidelines have come out and the whole programme is to be reviewed with maybe a new budget and plan.

20th ANNIVERSARY EVENT

Raymond will organise bunting for the front of the school. Susanna said that hopefully there will be flowers available from the garden to display for the event.

Junior and Senior Infant are doing their crafts on the 1st May. There are four parent volunteers to help out.

Sarah and Elaine will reach out to parents to see if there is any families interested in playing music or singing on the evening.

There was a suggestion to see if there would be interest in families purchasing the anniversary school photo.

The school plays will be available to purchase for €5 each. We will also advertise on Facebook for former families to purchase.

SWAP EVENT

Just over €200 was raised at the Swap. It was advertised on Facebook and people from Enniscorthy attended.

INTERNET SAFETY TALK

The talk is booked for the 15th May with an NPC representative. Raymond will attend on the evening. We can use a classroom with a whiteboard.

A WhatsApp group has been created and anyone who attends in the evening can be added to the group if they wish.

Kelda has reached out to Aideen.

6TH CLASS GRADUATION

Orla, who has previously made the cake, will not be able to make the cake this year.

We will look at possible alternatives. We may get a cake to present and a second to have extra. Joanne will check with Staffords.

Elaine heard back from Daniel in Jack's Coffee and he will not be able to accommodate making pizzas on the evening. It was agreed we will go with Dominos. The PTA will organise drinks and cans. We will also have sandwiches and tea and coffee.

We will need about 8 volunteers for the event.

AOB

6TH CLASS HOODIES

The PTA suggest we order the hoodies earlier next year as it would be nice for the kids to wear them throughout the school year rather than the last term.

SCHOOL PLAY

The school play is on the 11th June.

WATER FILTER

The plumber still hasn't come back. Raymond will follow up with Pauline.

MURAL

Padraig is going to lead the mural for 5th class to make a mural for the anniversary event in the junior playground.

6th class will continue their mural over the ball court.

THANK YOU LETTERS

The Thank You letters still haven't been sent out from the raffle.

It was also agreed that we will organise a book token for Marik who runs the astronomy club as a thank you. He was also invited to attend the Mobile Planetarium when it visited the school.

ANTI BULLYING PLAN

The school is updating the Anti Bullying Plan and the PTA will need to have a look at it when it is completed.

INTERNET SAFETY TALK FOR STUDENTS

The students get a talk every two years.

NEXT MEETING 21ST MAY