

## **PTA Meeting Minutes 26.2.25**

Attending: Joanne O'Grady, Aideen O'Donnell, Raymond Swan, Sarah Deveney, Elaine Crosbie, Nicole, Sara.

Attending Online Penny, Suzanne D'Ascenzi.

Apologies: Grace Heron, Siobhan, Sinead, Ardriana and Pauline Reid.

Previous minutes: Proposed by Joanne O'Grady, seconded by Sarah

Deveney. **Changes to the PTA:**

Claire Mc Creesh has stepped down as chair of the PTA and Joanne O'Grady has been co-opted in as agreed by PTA members, as per conversation on Whatsapp group.

Ivana has taken over the role of treasurer. She will not always be able to attend PTA meetings but will liaise with Sarah Deveney and Elaine Crosbie to give financial reports for PTA meetings.

### **Financial Update:**

Current Balance €11,389.54. There is also a petty cash box latest count: €177.45. Financial report for February 26th provided.

### **School council:**

No update at present. Grace Heron has the suggestions provided by the students and will feed back at the next meeting.

### **Parent Rep Co-ordinator;**

Reminder to add new parents that may have joined the school throughout the year to Whatsapp groups. Pin code of conduct in each group to remind everyone of expectations. No issues arising from Whatsapp groups.

### **Edible Garden:**

Suzanne gave an update on the Edible garden project:

- Date for family gardening day has been confirmed, information has been sent out.
- Greenhouse screws have been fixed to make them more flush with the frame and therefore safer.
- Ground near the greenhouse needs to be made safer – need to consider ways to make it less slippery in wet weather/winter months.
- Plan is almost complete – set to go ahead on March 18th with classes, if the weather is not

good dates can be changed to suit.

- Suzanne has expenses to be claimed, will link in with Elaine or

**Sarah. School lunches parent group;**

Sara has reached out to the Fresh Today rep and has agreed a meeting with perhaps 2 or 3 parents to give feedback on Fresh Today hot lunches. Fresh Today is requesting an agenda

Sara is waiting to hear back from Fresh Today to set a date for meeting. Hopeful for an improved standard in quality and less overall waste. Idea of a survey was proposed to obtain specific feedback. It was agreed to see how we progress at present and come back to that idea in the future. Sara will update PTA again on the topic at the next meeting.

**Swap Event:**

A swap event is planned for before Easter holidays. Ivana and Sally to help out. Aideen will do up a poster with the older children. Elaine and Sarah to support arrangement of swap.

**Update on Bike Buddies:**

Bike Buddies are fully booked for the year, however Aideen has looked into Cycle Right programme which would consist of 6 sessions, €55 per session. – Active travel flag funding would cover €35 of this and Taisce a further €10 and so the remaining balance would be €10 for each pupil.

Aideen is proposing to put the two 5th classes forward, this would be €500 for the two classes. Special classes or any child receiving highest level SEN supports would be covered under the disabilities fund.

We could also look at Junior infants doing a cycling programme in January or February or May or June, 2026, this would cost €800. It was also proposed to do a road readiness cycling course for 6th class.

**Update Playground Equipment:**

Playground Equipment should be ready for March. A new toy box will also be provided with toys such as skipping ropes, etc. Raymond also to look into getting games such as hopscotch /Ludo painted on the ground of the play areas.

**Water Filter:**

Pauline had sent in information regarding water filters, however the plumber had stated this is more suited to a domestic setting. Raymond will keep working on this.

**School Disco:**

DJ has been booked for March 14th. The children voted for 'wear whatever you want'. PTA will do a tuck shop with pancakes, popcorn etc. We need to place chairs along the hall to block access to new sensory room and also to provide an area for people to sit to have their

food bought in the tuck shop as it is not allowed in the hall. We will need to order paper cups and hot drinks cups.

We will state that phones are not to be used by children in the hall during the disco, same as the previous disco.

A discussion was had whether it would be a good idea to increase the entry price to raise more money for the school, however it was decided against this to keep the disco accessible to as many families as possible.

**AOB:**

- 20th Anniversary celebration will be held on Tuesday 27th of May. Classes will have a stall on different themes. The PTA were asked to help out with the cultural diversity element of the celebration – start with the JI and SI classes and possibly expand – ask for parents to provide examples of food, dress, flags etc from their cultures. If there are any musical parents they could also help out at the celebration. It was requested that a member of the PTA would give a speech also.

-**Internet safety talk:** NCP provide an internet safety talk for €50 whether its in person or over zoom. Sara also suggested someone who works with Dublin take crisis centre, who has given good talks at other schools. Sara will look into pricing of same.

Next meeting Thursday 27th March