

Present: Mary Harkin, *Chairperson*; Vanessa Brennan; *Secretary*; Ciaran Gray *Teacher Rep*; Suzanne Curran *Treasurer*; Julia Cassidy; Ruth Moloney; Emer Nowlan (minutes).

Apologies: Alex Nesbitt *BOM Rep*, Tom O'Donnell *Secretary*; Julie MacLoughlin

1. Minutes & Matters Arising

Minutes of January meeting adopted (proposed Suzanne, seconded Vanessa)

2. Treasurer's Report

- Balance in A/C is around €8,300, some of which is set aside. €7,602 available. Decision taken to spend up to €6,000 on projects.
- Decision to support the student council to the amount of €100 per year. Students to propose a project and Treasurer to make funds available.
- Process for consulting on larger project(s)
 1. Write to Board and Patron outlining process (ASAP)
 2. Conduct survey of families and teachers to garner suggestions (immediately after Easter). Survey is online, but people can also download form and respond via blue box if they prefer. Survey will be promoted via usual means (schoolbags, text, email mailing list).
 3. Sub-group collate responses
 4. PTA review results and either allocate funds or re-consult on a shortlist. (May)
- Content of survey:

PTA has surplus. Want to make €5,000 available to invest in a project / projects which would add value to the school community over a number of years. We are looking for suggestions from all members of the school community for potential projects. Parents are asked to discuss this with their children and put forward suggestions as a family. Teachers are also asked for suggestions. All suggestions will then be considered and a suitable project (or projects) selected. (Include fields for teacher / family, and what classes children are in).
- Mary to draft letter and survey and circulate. Julia to put survey online. Ruth to collect responses from Blue Box. Sub-group to meet to do initial collation and analysis, and bring to May meeting.

3. After School Activities

- Yoga has been split into two groups. Classes run concurrently with two teachers and two parent supervisors.
- Pattern of difficulties arising where there are large numbers of first class children in activities. Consider next year whether first class children might be asked to start in second term, after settling in to longer day.
- Suggestion that additional field be added to enrolment form so that childminder phone numbers can be collected and included on the list.

- Dance – difficulties earlier in the year with high numbers, record-keeping. Lorraine not continuing as coordinator next year. New coordinator will have to be found, and will have to ensure that PTA procedures are followed in full.
- Susan Jago has proposed a knitting group. Suggest taster course for 4 weeks after Easter from 3rd year. Hall is currently free on Monday afternoon.
- Kathleen (3rd class teacher) has suggested that some children might be interested in gymnastics and/or coding. Can make suggestion in newsletter to see if anyone is interested in organising.
- Mary will talk to Sally about possibility of using Learn Together room on other days to accommodate new activities.
- Levels of participation dropped slightly in second term. Current numbers: Monday Art 13, Basketball boys 17, Girls basketball 23 (with extra parent supervisor), Tuesday Art 13, Guitar 11, Wednesday Art 8, Drama 9, Dance 19, Junior chess 12, Senior chess 10, Yoga 15.
- Possible issue with mixture of ages in boys basketball. To be reviewed.
- New Homework Club may impact on numbers next year. Should include days in information that goes out to parents. Julia to liaise with Emer (4th class teacher) emerk@northbay.ie

4. Board of Management Feedback

- No current feedback

5. Patron Feedback

- Envelope Day – no totals yet.
- Easter Raffle draw on Wed April 5th at 2:20pm. Tickets to be returned by Monday 3rd.
- Planning hoodie and t-shirt fundraiser.
- Summer fair June 11th
- Query about GAA

6. Teacher Feedback

- No current feedback

7. AOB

- Campaign for Dublin 13 second-level school. Want to advise parents and promote EOIs and find parents to join campaign.
- For Newsletter: Easter raffle, New after-school suggestions, Summer fair save the date, raffle prizes; Hoodies; Envelope Day Standing Orders; Educate Together second-level – Dublin 13 campaign and Malahide Portmarnock school opening.

NEXT MEETING **Wed May 17th 2017, 8.00pm** (in order to finish by 10pm)