

P T A Minutes 17th October 2012

Present: Lorraine Ward Chairperson
 Shane O Mahony Treasurer
 Jim Keating Secretary
 Ashling Dyson B O M Rep.
 Ciarán Gray Teacher Rep.
 Lynn Jackson

Apologies:

Deirdre Murray, Tom O Donnell

Issues arising:

Previous minutes read by Lorraine

Decision: Agreed.

Chairpersons report

- Lorraine is to step down at the next AGM, however, will remain on the committee.
- Successor to be determined.
- A letter is to be drafted inviting people to join the PTA.
- Jim co-opted as secretary. Decision: Agreed.

BOM Report

- Ashling gave a very comprehensive report on the substantive financial deficit facing the school.
- A major water leak is occurring in the school; this is being investigated.

Teacher's Report

- Ciaran sought permission to speak to the after-school clubs (if required) re noise levels and general behaviour. This is as a consequence of recent unacceptable noise levels and behaviour disturbing other members of the school community.

Decision: Agreed.

Patron Report

Not available.

The Chair of the Patron David Delaney was invited by Lorraine, however, due to some confusion the date for the meeting was not communicated to him.

Treasurer's Report

- Shane is investigating getting some funds that may be available from the "Dormant Accounts" scheme. A letter has been sent to the Bank.

A O B

- The AGM will now be held on a date in January, this is allowable under the PTA constitution.
- The issue of buying chairs and height adjustable tables for the shared area was discussed, Ashling to investigate.

Proposals for committees

- Jim proposed that each committee member from Patron, BOM, and PTA and any sub-committee contribute €1 each for every committee meeting they attend, towards heating and lighting. If agreed, amount paid at end of each year, feedback at next PTA meeting from committees.
- Jim proposed that as a way to help communication the public minutes from the three committees would be distributed to the general school community. Parents who wished to receive these would be asked to submit their e mail address. Jim would take responsibility for distribution, and possible inclusion on website. Feedback is awaited at next committee meeting.

Date next Meeting

Thursday 22nd November, 8.30 p.m.

Meeting ended.

Appendix to minutes included for information purposes.

- **Upcoming event: Pantomime**

This year's Pantomime is : Beauty and the Beast

Where: The Helix DCU
When: Friday 11th January 2013
Time: 7.30 pm
Cost: €20.00 per ticket.

Similar to last year, 100 seats have been reserved, same seat numbers as last year. Immediately after mid-term break parents will be notified.

- **Off Campus Insurance**

Following recent contact from our Insurance Broker enquiring if we supervised children going to off campus clubs. The insurer indicated that in order to keep our insurance valid it is imperative to conform with the school ratio for supervising children going to clubs off campus. The ratio for North Bay is not indicated in the school policy; however, following contact with the principle the school ratio is as follows:

- a. Seniors 1:10
- b. Juniors 1:6

The two co-ordinators for Basketball (Sinead and Elaine) have been informed and the ratio is being followed. In relation to some children participating in Boys Basketball who cycle to the arena their parents will need to give written permission for them to cycle, this means that these children are not then covered by the PTA insurance policy, until they arrive at the club

activity. Likewise, if a parent offers a lift to children from the school to basketball their car insurance covers the children. A record of these written permissions is to be kept by the Basketball co-ordinator. Elaine has sent letter to parents detailing the ratio.

- **Chess club profit**

This year having removed the school levy of €216 the net profit for Chess 2012 – 2013 is €54. At time of writing no other club accounts are available to me.