

PTA MINUTES 21ST OCTOBER 2013

Present:

Deirdre Murray	Chairperson
Jim Keating	Secretary
Shane O'Mahony	Treasurer
Lorraine Ward	Afterschool Clubs
Ciaran Gray	Teacher rep
Ashling Dyson	BOM
Apologies:	David Delaney

Deirdre - Chairperson

Hospice coffee morning made €170 and the Childline breakfast morning made €288. Generally the coffee mornings are running very well.

Jim - Secretary

- PTA afterschool club insurance has been paid; the cost for the year is €160.
- NPC- primary sent out some booklets suggesting ways schools can be more inclusive, these were distributed to the committee.

Shane - Treasurer

1. The school levy for the year 2012 is €797; this has been transferred to the Board.
2. The Patron has not been in contact about needing transfer of monies to them. However, given that the PTA account now stands at €3,300 it was felt prudent to defer any transfer of money to them until a clearer picture of the PTA financial status occurs next year.
3. A suggestion was also made in light of the fact that the clubs are self-financing - any future profit accrued from the after school clubs (after teacher and school levy deductions) ought to be put back into the same club, for example: chess club profits would purchase new chess sets etc.

Decision: agreed

Lorraine: Afterschool clubs.

- A **boys' basketball** coach is being actively sought; hopefully this club will begin after midterm break. A total of 15 boys have joined.
- The number taking part in **dance** is 22 compared to 30 last year.
- **Art** is full at 14 each session.
- **Chess** had its highest number of applicants so far at 38! This required a second chess club being run on Thursdays, we are grateful to Fred Murphy for facilitating this club. A

number of applicants changed and went to other clubs so the final numbers are on Friday there are 20 students, and on Thursday there are 13.

- A suggestion was made that the **school levy** be paid to the board before Christmas.
Decision: agreed

Ashling - B.O.M.

- Currently the Positive Behaviour Code and the Grievances **codes are being reviewed.**
- A Health and Safety issue has arisen in regard to the **pull cords for the blinds**, i.e. choking hazard, this is being rectified.
- A problem has been identified with the water system, taps in the toilet area need replacing.
- A **furniture grant** of €5000 has been received; this allows tables to be replaced, and the unwanted tables to be sold to the parents.
- **Enrolment forms** have been sent out for the 2014 class; fortunately the class ratio is 1 to 28.
- A quote of €150 per month was received to keep the school website up to date, other options are being considered.

David: Patron.

David sent his apologies that he could not attend; however, he sent the following email :

- Thanks to Lorraine for her Chairing role on the PTA and for her time over the past two years, I am glad to see you are staying on the committee.
- A welcome to Deirdre in her role as Chairperson and reconfirm the Patron's continuing support to the PTA in its activities.
- Please convey the Patrons appreciation to Lynn Jackson for her role in the PTA. Deirdre and I will miss her at our next coffee morning.

Ciaran Teacher rep

Ciaran gave the dates for Winter presentations, and these are now on <http://www.northbay.ie>.

AOB

- We need to send out a notice that two parents from each class are needed to help with tea and coffee after presentations. In the event that no parents are available, this cannot be done.
- Deirdre and Lorraine to write up letter inviting people to join the PTA.
- Next meeting: Thursday 5th. December 8.30pm.