

Minutes of Maynooth BNS PTA Meeting 1st June 2010

No.	Item	Action
	<p>Previous Minutes The minutes of the previous meeting on 11th May 2010 were proposed and seconded.</p>	
1.0	Matters Arising	
1.1	It is understood that there is a shortfall in funds provided by the Dept of Education for the construction of the new classrooms. The amount can not be confirmed until the next Board Meeting. Strategy to be decided. The Irish Historic Association offered to share their fundraising event – Who wants to be a thousandaire? They have secured major sponsors but we would be asked to help get smaller sponsorship and sell tickets. The committee agreed to this but this decision needs to be approved by the Board too. Carton House & Glen Royal have offered to house the event	
1.2	It has finally been confirmed that the school does own the corner area of the playground. The design plans and tree planting ceremony can proceed. Hopefully a sign can now be erected. A parent offered to provide the materials at cost and will put the school in contact with a graphic artist for the design element. Another parent offered to cut the trees in this area.	
1.3	The PTA newsletter was not done this week but will do this next week.	
1.4	<p>Formal thanks was given to the school and PTA committee for their efforts on the Communion Day. The service was great and the good behaviour of all the parents and the boys was commended. It was observed that the church also looked great and the tea reception was much appreciated. One negative was the lack of refreshments for siblings of those making their communion. It was unclear if enough provisions were available so those arriving first were asked to wait, much to the embarrassment of those serving them. It was decided to make special bags for those making their Communion next year and then have squash and biscuits for siblings.</p> <p>There was plenty of help. It was decided to ask the parents of 1st class next year.</p> <p>The banner looked really good. A token of thanks will be given to the designer but a parent kindly donated the materials.</p> <p>Was there a good demand for the DVD of the service. If it was low a reminder will be sent out.</p>	
1.5	The 6 th Class Community Day has been set for the 23rd June. €500 given to the sub-committee but any excess can be returned. This year there will just be 3 schools taking part as logistically that's all that can be included. A meeting is scheduled for the 16 th for task allocation.	
1.6	The proposal for the language course has been finalised. Classes (30 mins/week) of French, German and Spanish will be run from Sept to early January for 6 th class. Final approval from the board required.	
1.7	The book/uniform exchange webpage is ready but booklists are required, which will be ready on Fri 4 th . Overall costs are reduced mostly due to the exclusion of stationery items. The committee was informed that parents	

are requested to buy their books through the school as the school can make use of the discount offered.

2.0 Treasurer's Report

2.1 The present balance is €10,308.67 with €6,071.89 of this already committed. Therefore the 'real' balance is €4,236.78.

The committed money is for shared readers, additional projectors, helmets and sports equipment storage.

2.2 Requests:

- A) €265 for sports items
- B) €200 for bouncy obstacle course
- C) €300 for recorder books
- D) €1500 for Microsoft Office licences for the new IT multi-seat equipment.
- E) Contribution of €375.00 towards the safe cycling programme. Company agreed to do it for €25/head but KCC will give €10/head.
- F) €500 for 6th class Community Day given to JK
- G) €50 given to DW re token for Banner
- H) Receipt for Projector and fitting charges €2055.69

Items previously committed to :

- 1. €1800 for sports storage (€800 more than predicted)
- 2. Helmets for the Hurling team €360.00

3.0 Public Relations Officer Report

Deferred until next meeting

4.0 AOB

4.1 Volunteers wanted to help with the art display on the week beginning the 14th June. Boards must be obtained from NUIM. It must be confirmed if the hall is empty on the 14th June. It was suggested to seek volunteers in the newsletter.

4.2 It was requested that if pupils are delayed in returning from school tours that a text be sent to the parents to prevent long waits at the school. It agreed, when possible to do this but noted that it may not always be possible.

Future events –

4.3 17th June – Junior Infant visit. volunteers for tea & coffee reception to be organised

28th June – 6th class graduation. Tea & coffee reception in post-primary school. Parents can bring their own cakes.

4.4 A company approached the school with a crystal product in which is a 3D profile of each child. It costs €25 and can be returned, at no cost, if unhappy with it. It was discussed if the graduation class might be interested. The school to contact the company to say it would be quite rushed but would be happy for them to contact parents.

Next Meeting -September 2010