

GETNS PTA Minutes 25th January 2024

Present: Raymond Swan (Principal), Laura Dagger (Teacher Representative), Sarah Deveney (Parent Rep Coordinator), Claire McCreesh (Co-Parent Rep Coordinator), Susanna D’Ascenzi (Garden Coordinator), Ivana Bedi.

Apologies: Joanne Bolger (Chair), Pauline Reid (Secretary), Ola Riquet.

Previous minutes reviewed and approved. Matters arising:

- PTA paid the school the outstanding payments. No bank statement available this time.
- Creagh Lane: The situation has reportedly improved with a higher teacher presence in the lane.

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| Item 1: Smart Phone Policy | A survey was circulated in November asking if parents would agree with a “no smart-phone agreement” for each year group. The results can be viewed here: https://www.surveymonkey.com/stories/SM-Hzyo988uw4G8F_2BXAc6lv gA_3D_3D/ | Action: Raymond will arrange a meeting with the parents who filled in their contact details to discuss further. |
| Item 2: Winter Fair | Fair was a great success! It was noted that we raised less money this year than previously on the raffle possibly because less ticket books went out to the families. | Action: - Raymond to post in the newsletter the amount raised from Winter Fair, the Raffle and the last disco. - PTA to try and get a card reader set up for the next event. |
| Item 3: Spring Disco | Feedback from the last disco was that the sensory disco in the middle of the event didn’t work very well. This time we will try having the first half hour of the disco to be “sensory friendly” where all ages are invited. | Action: Raymond to see if DJ is available for the 15th March. |
| Item 4: Swap | PTA would like to host a “Swap” event at the school on the 10th Feb 2pm - 4pm. | Action: More information will be posted on Dojo this week. |
| Item 5: Garden | Friday gardening will return on 23rd Feb. There will also be a plant sale fundraiser in May time. Parents will occasionally meet on Saturdays to help with maintenance. | Action: - Susanna to coordinate with the school re rota for Friday mornings. - Ivana to organise a date for the plant sale. - Susanna to share with Sarah a list of garden supplies needed |

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| | | and Sarah will share with the reps to see if anyone can help. |
| Item 6: Hot Lunches | The Government School Meals Programme will be rolled out to our school starting in April. Parents will choose on an app what meal their child wants each day. The portions will be delivered to the school each day. An employee from the company "Fresh Today" will be based on site to heat the portions in newly installed ovens and deliver them to the classrooms. Packaging and waste will be taken home for recycling. Wooden cutlery. Samples that were sent to the school were given good feedback from staff. | Action: Raymond will have more information after next week. |

For noting: Seán Ronayne, a wildlife sound recordist will be giving a talk to 6th class pupils on the 1st Feb.

This is a short video of him made by the Irish Times <https://youtu.be/Am2h0n7XS9E?si=8-zbWYVifDssA40j>. He was also on the Tommy Tiernan show on the 7th January - see https://youtu.be/M_Ne-nlxLW0?si=qKjC0jQPtOu1DIkr

Next meeting will be Tuesday 27th February at 7pm.