

## PA Minutes 12/02/2024

### Parents Association Committee

St Brigid's Primary School, Moate, Co. Westmeath

#### Minutes

Meeting Date: 12/02/2024

Time: 7pm

Location: School Canteen

Attendance: C. Gillivan; A Wingfield Bastic (Chair), M Nugent, absent: S Mellett (Treasurer), E Doyle (Secretary),

The meeting was chaired by A Wingfield Bastic, minutes from the last meeting were reviewed.

#### - PA Meetings

It was agreed that the Parents Association would meet on the first Monday each month . The next meeting will take place on Monday 4 th March 2024 at 7pm. All are welcome.

#### - Grandparents Day

Huge success, CG confirmed the numbers would be around the same as communion numbers. Grandparents and children very happy.

Food and tea and coffee went great, enough of everything.

#### - Holy Communion

Agreed there will be a gathering in the school afterwards with tea, coffee, sandwiches, and biscuits for adults. Parents Association to buy bags of treats for communion only children (30 in total roughly). Volunteers are needed. CG explained pre-covid the first-class parents would of usually took this on as their children would be next in line to make their communion. Mass time uncertain (thinking 12) food will need to be ready for 1pm in school. Will ask parents to volunteer time and donate food items required.

Spoke about video of communion. Nothing organised to date. Unsure if this is wanted. Group photo of children at the end might be a nice gesture and all parents can take photos.

#### March Activities

##### - World Book Day

This will take place on 7th March. Parents Association to buy spot prizes agreed a €10 voucher per room (Eason's would be best suited)

The PA will purchase book tokens in Eason's. 10 x €10 tokens.

##### - St. Patricks Day Parade

This year the school will do a "Reading Float". The school will send out a message to see what parents are interested in taking part with their child. Shouldn't be an extra expense on parents as children will have costumes from World Book Day. Parents will need to walk beside children. CG will be present also.

##### - Easter Chicks

CG has chicken pattern in hardcopies available in the office. She will send out a message to let parents know if they are interested in knitting chickens for this event.

Rock your socks – it was discussed that the Parents Association would like to take part in this event and it be acknowledged. CG suggested donating €100 from the Chicks fund towards the cause so that parents are not being asked twice in the same month for money. Suggested that the donation of €100 be given to Down syndrome Athlone (locally). School will send out information to parents to let them know that the children can wear odd socks that day and that the Parents Association will be donating to the cause.

##### - Fund Raisers

It was discussed that the boys school are doing a walk this year so it would be best that girls school don't run one. The PA will look at other fundraisers. later in the year.

#### Disco

Agreed that this is best done mid to end of June. 2 separate discos. One for Junior Infants to second class and then another one for 3 rd to 6 th class. €5 per family (not per child). It will be important at the time to ensure that children and parents are informed that no recording devices such as phones are allowed. If opening up to boys school children it will need to be supervised and children will have to stay until disco is over. A lot of parents will need to be involved for safety and supervision reasons.

- AOB

#### Hot Meals

After Easter, the school is trialling hot meals for all students. Food company will be hiring 2 people for 2 hours a day. Ovens are being inserted in room onto hall. Same company as boys school to ensure easy ordering for parents of families with siblings in both schools. It was agreed that this was great for the children and parents of the school.

Next meeting is Monday 4 th March 2024 at 7pm

With no further business the meeting ended.