

Scoil and Spioraid Naoimh Boys Parents Association
Minutes of the meeting of 20 September 2016

In Attendance: Donal Murray, Rosaleen Fitzgerald, Susan O'Shea, Louise Crowley, Aoife O'Herlihy, Michelle Dowling, Fiona O'Halloran, Michael Mallon, Philip Ryan, Andrew McCarthy, Eoin Walsh, Helen Walsh, Caroline O'Mara, Philip O'Mara, Orlhlaith O' Sullivan, Reena McCarthy, Marianna Szteyter, Kamila Jakubowska Switay, Paul O'Leary, Joby Thomas, Susan Curran, Fergus Manning.

Minutes

1. Minutes from 24 May 2016

Minutes from 24/5/16 discussed, explained to new parents and approved. Issue of disability parking near school was raised by Orlhlaith, the PA advised that in the absence of dedicated disability parking her childminder should make her requirements known to the school and perhaps arrive before the rush for collections and leave after. Otherwise parents were asked not to drive up to the school gates as per the map circulated with the welcome pack.

2. Apologies and Correspondence

Mary O'Connor, Sharon O'Neill, Gemma Daly

3. Bag Packing

Bag packing - Elaine Hatton has kindly agreed to arrange this year and notify the PA when a shop/date is fixed to the time so we can ask for volunteers.

4. Clothing Recycling Collection

Clothes recycling - Donal explained this fundraiser to new parents. A date close to mid-term was agreed on. Rosaleen pointed out that different companies are offering different rates and these rates are dropping. Louise and Donal agreed to look at rates on offer.

5. Book Swap - November 2016?

Book Swap - Terri has left SSNB so we will need new volunteers(s) to run the book swap. Planned for November on a Saturday morning in Bishopstown GAA. Agreed by all to be a worthwhile fundraiser.

6. Class Representatives 2016-17

Class Representatives 2016/17 - Still in progress as several classes still need reps, including new junior infants. It was agreed, that where willing, those who volunteered as class reps will continue in place this year. Ruth proposed an "opt-out" rather than "opt-in" for parents contact details as they are already held by the school. Louise to investigate further.

7. AGM October 2016

- AGM Oct 2016 - Tuesday 4th or 11th October proposed, Louise will check with Brian as regards his availability. Draft constitution to be voted in at AGM

8. AOB

- It was queried why the PE days have been reduced from 2 days to one. Parents agreed that more structured exercise is preferable. Louise agreed to raise this with Brian, it was suggested that the current arrangements may reflect longer sessions being allocated to PE on the PE day.
- Parents voiced a desire for the boys to be permitted to wear the school shorts in September. Louise explained the difficulties that arose in May/June 2016 both as regards the unexpected huge demand from parents leading to a limited availability of shorts in Finn's Corner, and the unwelcome practice of boys wearing non-permitted shorts to school. Given that there is plenty stock now available in Finns Corner, it is hoped that all boys will only wear the authorised shorts next summer.
- The annual practice of decorating the school Halla at Halloween was explained to new parents and it was agreed that the PA would again this year look after the Halloween decorations in the Halla, and provide a small gift of sweets/chocolate for all the boys on last day before mid-term. It was also suggested that all boys might be permitted to dress up that day. Louise to mention to Brian.
- Correspondence – Susan furnished the meeting with a statement of accounts, outlining all expenses since the last meeting. She also reported the current account balance at €6826.68
- New officers to be elected at the forthcoming AGM - all posts becoming vacant in October - Chair/Treasurer/Secretary. Nominations to be invited from parents.
- Aoife and Donal are to continue as parents' representatives on the BOM.
- New parents informed about SSN app and PA blog