

## PA meeting

Date 29-05-2024

### **Attendees**

Laura Molloy, Edel Forde, Máire Kinsella, Deirdre Jordan, Sinead Fanning, Lisa Fleming , Lisa O'Leary, Jade O'Reilly, Phillippe Prat, Eilis Kavanagh

**Apologies:** Rebecca Jennings, Kate Roland

### **Review of previous Minutes.**

**Drum work shop** went well.

**Mobile Phone Policy** has been implemented.

**Garden Team** has started to work, thanks to the volunteers.

**Bus Escort**- Still open

**New Class rooms**- Open.

**School Lunches**- The school has registered it's interest and are waiting on the Department for next update. No date for implementation at this time. Ovens will not need to be facilitated in the library room.

**Uniform**- Feedback from parents- Overall response positive, query on if the crest could be reduced in size. Formal uniform will remain in place.

Query on supply dates and prices.

**\*\*Update**- Uniforms have been approved and are currently in production. Stock will be updated on website as soon as schoolwarehouse have them available.

**Bottle top competition:** Carlow school was the winner of the competition. Well done to our school for a great effort. 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> class will have pizza party on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> June, rest of school will receive a small treat for their effort.

**Medals;** Cost Neutral for upcoming sports day, 115 medals in total old stock which will cover, incoming junior infants, current junior infants and senior infants.

**Summer Disco**- Generated €1800 (exc expenses), all feedback went very well, appetite to complete another summer disco in 2025.

## **Treasurers Report;**

**See attachment.**

## **Updates/News**

**Garden Plan** – BOM planning to have field mowed for final weeks of school and in advance of sports day. Ground surface will be assessed then for suitability.

**All weather surface-** BOM putting plans in place to make out door classroom surface all weather.

**Date for sports day-** Remains the same, if weather is unfavourable we will relocate to Castletown GAA complex.

**Application for Funding,** Laura has applied for funding through As Darragh did charity <https://asdarraghdid.ie/> . Waits outcome of this application.

**Nurture Room** – Progressing well, PA committee committed -Bean Bags, Semicircle book shelf, Regular Book shelf, Wall Foliage, Wall Graphic, Half cost of the lounge set shared with BOM. Jade also donated an Alexa and diffuser for the room.

**Sunhats-** No appetite for same. Winter hat beanies might be more beneficial.

## **School Team sports Kit;**

School has no jerseys, request from school for the PA to help fund.

\*Update- sponsor has been secured pending design approval.

**Class reps;** proposal to change format.

From September class reps should be members of the committee and attend regular PA meetings to keep up to date with and relay information as required to each class year.

**Reading and Maths for fun;** Numbers are still falling short for this. Laura will look to refresh system in September, Consider having a rota system. School are keen to continue and send thanks to the parents who have been able to attend.

**Fund Raising;** In September we will launch our own bottle/can return scheme, to be discussed with the student council on the running of the project and set fundraising goals for same. Ask for kids to bring in bottles/cans, work towards a whole school goal, take responsibility for the bottles/cans in the home.

Laura looking for a subcommittee to focus on specific goals- Use a barometer to have specific fund raising goals. Sub committee; Laura, Jade, Phillipe - anyone with interest please get in touch.

**Lego Fund:** Ask Emer or Ms Penston does this remain a priority, €1000 from PA given to this fund. If not allocate money to a different project.

### **Sports Day.**

Volunteers needed. Jobs to be allocated.

If anyone can help with a small job on the day please contact Laura Molloy or Lisa Fleming.

**Graduation Cake;** Chocolate requested!

**Music Generation- Ukulele-** Feedback- Overall enjoyed by kids, query as to if this should continue for the older classes. Ask Children their feedback on same.

**Elf-** To be reviewed in September, is there another event we can support.

### **6<sup>th</sup> Class tops for incoming 6<sup>th</sup> class –**

Is it good time to phase this out? Major cost on PA with bigger class numbers in coming years.

Can the upcoming 6<sup>th</sup> class be surveyed to understand if they want a hoodie. – If this is proceeding should be able to wear from September and will need to be ordered over summer.

PA should not pay for all, ask parents to contribute to the costs too.

**Thank you.** PA committee would like;

Outgoing committee member Fiona Kelly for all her work and effort which she brought to the PA over the past few years.

The parents that made generous donations to the PA to facilitate expenses this year.

Parents and Grandparents who assisted with Paired reading & Maths4Fun.

Everyone who helped out with the various events, donated baked goods, raffle prizes, helped on bottlecap mural, pancake Tuesday, Halloween and May Disco's, grandparents day, communion & confirmation afters to name a few.

Emer Russell- Sends her thanks to parents for all the hard work and treats provided to school this year.