

St Josephs NS Parents Council – Minutes 19th Sept 2008

Attendees:

Deirdre McCarthy
Janet Kent
Liz Horan
Mairead Mulhall
Mary Dalton
Mella New
Una Ward

Apologies:

Heather Redmond
Elizabeth Kavanagh

1. Review of last meeting

Green schools – walking bus to be restarted.
School books/ raffle for this year
Decided not to do social evening 2008/09.

2. Bag Packing Pettits

Thursday 16th October
Friday 17th October
Sat 18th October

It was decided to set up a rota of 1.5 hour slots.
Direct approaches will be made to parents in the car park.

3. Fundraising Event - Christmas Raffle/ Fashion Show (2 hour)

Discussed both options – Margaret Houlihan has organised fashion shows in the past, and would help with this one.
Venue: Arklow Bay OR Bridgewater
Date: November 2008?
Admittance: €10 / ticket?
Clothes – to be supplied by participating shops
Models – often shops provide their own models – would some of the teachers model?
(Mary to find out)
Raffle during break – spot prizes also needed.
Wine & cheese – would Tesco supply?
Fundraising purpose – interactive whiteboards.
Would need agreement from school.
To be investigated and discussed at AGM.

4. Walking Bus

Weather is a deterrent.
Discussed Park & Stride – drop kids at named points and walk from there – but insurance concerns.
Congestion at school car park – after school is a particular problem. Mornings tend to be stop & go. From first class, parents are strongly encouraged to let children walk into school themselves from the car park, rather than escorting them in.

All present at the meeting feel that there is HUGE danger element with parents who park on the road, blocking visibility of and for children. This is an issue that we all feel strongly about.

5. Book rental scheme

Too difficult to implement because of versions of books which keep changing.
Cannot predict when a version of a book will change.
Some books supplied to classes by school, e.g. Irish reading book.
Book exchange?

6. AGM – Thursday 16th October @ 7.30 p.m.

There will be bag packing earlier that day also.

7. Officer Nominations for AGM:

Chairperson – Janet
Secretary – Una will consider
Treasurer – Deirdre will check with Heather

8. Cheque for Public Liability Insurance

Cheque written for €175 payable to Marsh Insurers.

9. Bank Account

Leave as is for 2008/09. Una, Mary and Grainne are still signatories.
Cheque written for €249 Janet – sports day – receipts to follow.

10. Counting of Personal Pupils Insurance money

Agreed to meet Weds 24th @ 7.45 to count money and put together lists of pupils to be insured.

Next meeting – AGM October 16th @ 7.30 p.m.