NEWBRIDGE COLLEGE PSA MEETING

16th January 2014

**Attendees:**

**Geraldine Caulfield, Jackie O'Connor, Aine Hanlon Lynch, Orla Traynor, Paula Hart, Kathleen Ryan, Pat O'Brien, Matt O'Shea, refer to register for list of parents.**

**Pending Items:**

**Email system/closed**

This is now up and running.  Nearly all parents have now registered.  The presentation of emails was complemented.

**Dressing Rooms/pending**

One of the Tenders, has been accepted subject to review.  Matt will keep the PSA updated.

**ASTI dispute/closed**

The dispute is over and all parent teacher meetings will be held after school hours.  The Open Night will now take place on 31/1/14.  Approximately 1,100 letters have been sent to prospective pupils in 5th and 6th classes.

**Meeting PSA/Council/pending**

Meeting to be arranged with the Student Council still awaiting a date. Geraldine has sent a note to Mr Newsome.  A meeting will be arranged before February meeting.

**Bus drivers/ pending**

A letter has been sent to all bus drivers regarding parking and student safety.  If there is no improvement direct contact will be made by the school.  Paula noted that 2 bus companies have not improved and that a blue mini-bus is leaving students off the bus on the roundabout.

**Phillipines Fundraiser/closed**

This was a tremendous success.  The clothing filled a container and the money raised paid for the container.

**TREASURERS REPORT:**

Aine said that our account is healthy at the minute and asked were there any suggestions for school items.  The need for more sandwich toasters was raised.  The Church will receive 200 euro Christmas decorations.

**MANAGEMENT & PLANNING**

**Sports Development Fund/ongoing**

Neil Morris updated the PSA, there were 16 project applications.  From these 11 have been approved with funding between 500 and 1000 euro, an estimated 600 students will benefit, it was agreed this was a very good start.  The first formal event will be on Monday 20th at 7.45 a talk on Sports injuries and prevention of same.  The talk is open to all.  Neil encouraged feedback to the Board of Governors.  Neil to provide PSA withe a list of the 11 applicants which received funding.  The invoices for these projects will be submitted to the College and paid through the Bursars Office.

**CURRICULUM**

**Maths Presentation/pending.**

Matt O'Shea will follow up on this.

**LEARNING AND TEACHING SUPPORT**

**Speakers/ongoing**

Catherine O'Connor, Cracking the Code,3rd level is to be arranged for March 20th to speak to parents and students.

We will try to arrange a maths speaker for February.

**JUNIOR CERTIFICATE/ongoing**

Matt explained that the future of the Junior Certificate has still not been formalised.

**AOB**

**Hockey Pitches**

The pitches are currently being used by the Newbridge Hockey club for children, as a good will gesture, there is no intention of hiring out the pitches as this would increase upkeep costs and also there is currently no lighting on the pitches.

**Christmas Carol Service**

Geraldine complimented Fr Larry and all involved on a great evening. The PSA would like to gift the Church some lanterns etc a figure of 200 euro was agreed for same.

**Horse Show**

It was suggested we should invite Liam O'Brien a horse show rep to our February meeting for an update.  The bake sale at the show was a success and it was agreed should happen again, with the help of TY students.

**School Reports**

Matt O'Shea informed the meeting the Christmas Reports would be going out tomorrow.

**Refectory**

There was a discussion regarding costs and menus.  People were under the impression chips were only on the menu on Thursdays and not every day as is the case.  Pat O'Brien told us a survey had been carried out one day in the ref.  It was agreed that a member of the PSA would meet with Kathleen from the Ref and update us at next meeting.

**Agreed Actions**

Meeting to be arranged with Student Council                                 GC

Dressing rooms                                                                                POB/MOS

Buss drivers                                                                                     POB

Update Sports Development Fund                                                   NM

Maths Presentation                                                                         MOS

'Cracking the Code'                                                                         GC

Horse Show                                                                                      PSA

Refectory                                                                                         JOC

**THE NEXT PSA MEETING WILL BE HELD ON 13th FEBRUARY 2014**