**NEWBRIDGE COLLEGE PSA MEETING**

**15th May 2014**

**Attendees:**

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

**Previous Agreed Actions:**

**Horseshow**

TY to let us know amount raised from Bake sale.

Mary Ross informed us that the raffle had raised 1700, the top ticket sellers were Peter Dillon, Ruby Maher, Derren Mooney and Rachel Ross.

**Email System**

The email system is now in full use and appears to be working very well.

**Uniform**

Uniform Jacket, the bulky fleece lined jacket, will not be on sale from Sept 12 months and will gradually be removed, obviously any students or younger siblings will be allowed use these.

**Mock Interviews**

Kathleen Ryan conveyed appreciation from Mr Howard to all who had helped at the 5th year mock interviews, which is felt are becoming more beneficial year on year.  Thanks also to the students and careers department.

**Changing Rooms**

Matt informed us that they hope to have the changing rooms open for August of this year in time for the sports camp.

**Sports Dev Fund**

Mary Ross updated us on the sports development fund and that they would be meeting early September and we should then receive a full report to date at the PSA AGM.

**PSA Meetings**

Dates for next years PSA meetings, 23 September and 21 October and it was decided to change meetings back to Tuesdays at 8 o'clock.

These will be confirmed as school diaries are not yet finalised.

**Learning and Teaching support**

Catherine O'Connor will give her talk Cracking the College Code after tonights meeting.

Paula Hart will contact Fergus Heffernan to arrange a suitable date for him to give a talk on emotional well being of teenagers.

Enda Mc Nulty gave a great presentation which unfortunately was poorly attended, Jackie O'Connor suggested that maybe these types of presentation be arranged for during school time as more students would attend.  Enda works on sports being about the whole person and reaching your potential.  Muiris will contact Enda regarding the possibility of discussing with Pat O'Brien working some talks into the timetable.

**Maldonado Trip**

Fr Larry Kelly updated us on the Maldonado trip which he felt was a great experience for all involved.  Travel and host families all worked out very well.  The first week was spent with the church community and the second week was spent working in a community sports centre.  It was a hugely enriching experience.  Fr Larry thanked the PSA for their support and donations.  Fr Santiago liaised with the college.  Over €3000 was initially donated, but in addition there was €2000 left over from expenses which was also given to partly fund Cathecism courses for a special needs group.

**Book Sale**

The Book/Uniform sale will be held on 21st June in the social area.

**Debs Ball 2014**

Caroline gave an update on the Debs Ball which will take place on the 25th September, 85 tickets are currently sold and all preparations are in place.

**AOB**

Paula Hart made us aware of funding which the school should investigate called Erasmus Plus, which was launched last Monday.  There is a lot of money which we could be avail of.

Geraldine thanked Matt O'Shea for all his support and  kindness and wished him well on his pending retirement from the college.  She also took the opportunity to wish Pat good luck as he steps into the role of Principal.  Geraldine made a presentation to Jackie as this was her last meeting.   Caroline added thanks to all the other parents on the PSA who would be finishing their association with the school.

The draw took place for the prizes for the raffle the following won prizes

Frances Sexton                 Keadeen Hotel Voucher

Emma Dillon                     Kalu Voucher

Fiona O'Brien                   Curragh Hydro Spa Voucher

Grainne Fullham               Mary Catherine Voucher

Joan Ross                         Osprey Voucher

Eamon O'Connor Snr        David Marshall Voucher

Ger McDonald                  Curragh Racecourse Voucher

Kelly O'Brien                     Dunmurray Centre Voucher

**Pending items for September:**

Student Survey on E-Books The school is working on the technology infrastructure and will decide after that how best e learning can be integrated. The survey may happen as part of this assessment during the next school year.

Table Tennis Tables

Water Fountains

Sandwich Toasters