

Goatstown ETSS - Parent Staff Association

Meeting Minutes and Actions

Meeting Date: Thursday, October 26th, 2023

Attendees	Attendees
Jonathan Browner	Nicola McCarthy
Denise Fitzsimons	Máire Toomey
Dana Conaty	Catherine Vale
Liz Fitzpatrick	Moya Carey

Apologies: Lisa McVeigh, Eddie McGinn, Anne Roche, Moya Carey, Ewelina, Xanthe Scheenjes, Donal Casey

Minutes

Agenda Item	Discussion Points
Principals Report	<p>JB brought the group through school updates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Admissions numbers and stats for incoming First Year 2024/2025• After school supervised study plans• Winter assessments success criteria per year to be published• Student Council formation, election process for representation at BOM - Website to be updated - and plan to do a join event with PSA this year• School hoodies update - not a uniform but will be available to those who want to order• Finance update on CHY benefit to the school ~€3500• Junior cycle results - very positive• Irish - school struggling with efforts to recruit qualified teacher• Erasmus plus: TY class currently in Spain• BOM formed for the next 3 year term• Musical in proceeding as planned• Permanent site: work commenced on clearing the site - hoping to be in modular building on permanent site for academic year 24/25

<p>PSA Table Quiz</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Group discussed plans for the night • Plans for comms to be issued through school app and to class parent whatsapp groups • Comms to include call for raffle prizes • Need confirmation of facility at the venue (The Goat) – is there a screen to show sponsor logos? • DF confirmed will have school sumup machine on the night
<p>Fundraising</p>	<p>Funding needed for sports equipment and musical.</p>
<p>AOB</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GB provided feedback on PSA AGM seating arrangement, hot water boiler for tea/coffee station taking a long time to heat up • Group highlighted every parent/guardian of a student enrolled in the school is automatically a member of the PSA – call to join PSA is repeated at 1st year parent information evenings every year • Group highlighted PSA@goatstownetss.ie is the best way to reach PSA • DC asked for volunteer to manage the PSA email account – no volunteers from group attending • GB and COB raised concern that parents/guardians may not know of PSA and how to communicate with them • DC reminded the group that all PSA meetings for the academic year are already in the school calendar which is available to all • Idea was suggested that a reminder be sent by school office every month – DC opposed to this as we do not/cannot add workload on already very busy school staff • DC opposed to creating PSA WhatsApp group – all communications are currently via the notice board on the school app – this is to ensure transparency with all members of the PSA committee which includes school staff and not open doors to complications which often arise in large WhatsApp groups

Actions

	Action	Owner	Due date
1	Group to think of suggestions to improve PSA communications	All	Next meeting
2	Check with Nicola re setup at The Goat for table quiz – is there a screen? How big is the room? How is the prep for quiz questions going?	Dana	27/10/2023
3	Contact Clodagh in office with comms schedule for reminders over the next 2 weeks	Liz	27/10/2023
4	Check with Clodagh is there a school Revolut account	Liz	27/10/2023
5	Share poster/graphic for table quiz with Clodagh	Gary	27/10/2023

Next Meeting: scheduled for Thursday 23rd November 2023 at 7pm in the school