Chairperson's Report – Parents' Association AGM

Good evening everyone, and thank you for attending our Annual General Meeting.

It has been an honour to serve as Chairperson of the Parents' Association this past year. I am pleased to present this report outlining the work, initiatives, and contributions made by the Association in support of our students, staff, and wider school community.

Overview

This year has been marked by teamwork, generosity, and a strong spirit of volunteerism. Our goal has always been to support the school in meaningful ways and to help strengthen the connection between families and the learning environment. I am proud to say that, thanks to the commitment of our committee members and volunteers, we have achieved a great deal.

Key Activities & Achievements

1. Support at the School Open Night

We began the year by assisting at the School Open Night for incoming first-year students and their families. Working alongside students, our members helped with welcoming visitors, providing refreshments and sharing information about the Parents' Association. It was a positive and engaging evening that showcased the warm atmosphere within our school community.

2. Co-ordination of *Sligo's Fittest Superstars*

One of our most significant undertakings again this year was our involvement throughout the spring and summer terms in co-ordinating **Sligo's Fittest Superstars**. This event required extensive planning, organisation, and volunteer support, and the results were remarkable.
Thanks to the collective effort and generosity of participants and supporters, the school raised **in excess of €100,000**, all of which is being directed towards the development of the new **astro pitch**. This achievement is a testament to what can be done when the whole community pulls together.

3. Support Following Storm Eowyn

After the severe damage caused to the school during Storm Eowyn, the Parents' Association made a presentation to the Arts teacher in recognition of the impact on classroom materials and student work. This gesture reflected our commitment to supporting staff and helping restore a positive learning environment following a very challenging time.

4. End-of-Year Appreciation for Staff

To acknowledge the dedication of our teaching staff throughout the year, the Association provided a special **end-of-year breakfast** as a token of appreciation. Presentations were also made to both the **Principal** and **Vice-Principal** in recognition of their leadership and ongoing support of the Parents' Association and the school community as a whole.

5. Acknowledging Retirements

This year also marked the retirement of several long-serving and much-loved members of our school community. We were honoured to celebrate the careers of:

- **Teacher Noeleen Clifford**
- **School Secretary Glenys O Reilly**
- **School Secretary Pam Scanlon**

On behalf of all parents, we extend our heartfelt gratitude for their years of service and wish each of them every happiness in their retirement and we welcome our new administrative staff Sandra Healy Accounts and Emma Carolan secretary.

6. Exam Students' Breakfast Buffet

In keeping with our tradition of supporting students during important milestones, we provided a **breakfast buffet for exam students**. This gesture aimed to help them start their exams with energy, encouragement, and a sense of support from the wider school community.

Acknowledgements

I would like to express my sincere thanks to the entire Parents' Association committee, to all parent volunteers, and to the school's leadership team. Your time, ideas, and goodwill ensured that every initiative this year was a success.

A special thank you goes to the teachers, school staff, and students whose co-operation and positivity make our school such a vibrant place. The achievements of this year reflect the strength of our community working together.

Conclusion

It has been a productive and rewarding year for the Parents' Association. From major fundraising efforts to community-building activities and acts of appreciation, our work

continues to make a real difference in the life of the school. I look forward to seeing what we can accomplish together in the year ahead.

Thank you for your continued support.

Signed,

Elaine Crossan

Parents' Association Chairperson