PA Meeting Minutes (3.11.25)

Anne Gorby, Elaine Crossan, Eilis Dunican, Vivenne Pearson, Mary Pat Ahern, Grainne Kenny, Averyl Dooher, Sophie Alookaran.

Apologies: Majella Frizzell, Mary Kelly, Daniela Gormley, Maura & Silvana Zec.

Open Night.

Volunteers required to provide refreshments for incoming 1st year open night on Thursday 6th November from 5.30-9pm. Message to be sent on PA WhatsApp group. Flyer to be provided to incoming parents outlining work of the PA.

Strategic school development plan.

Strategic school plan being developed over the next five years with the support of CEIST (Catholic Education Irish Schools' Trust.) Committee formed including stakeholders within the school community have been working on the plan since August. The committee are under the guidance of the Board of Management and include school staff, parents and students. The plan overlaps with LAOS (Looking at our school) framework. A copy of the timeline of the plan will be available in school and online. Proposed to have greater input from parents by facilitating a strategic meeting after the next PA AGM on 1st December. Representatives from student council will also be invited to attend. Suggestion also made that QR code or survey provided through school app to gather information from the wider parental community.

PA WhatsApp group.

PA WhatsApp group to be reviewed after AGM. If three meetings are missed, members to be removed from the group. "Helping hands" group to be established for parents who can support events but are unable to attend meetings. This group will have a broadcast only setting.

PA meeting schedule.

AGM week beginning 1st December 2025 (7.30-8pm), followed by strategic planning meeting at 8pm.

PA meeting on the week beginning 9th February 2026 (8pm).

PA meeting on the week beginning 23rd March 2026. (Time to be confirmed.)

PA meeting on the week beginning 27th April 2026. (7pm).

Suggested schedule of activities.

Anne Gorby suggested the PA organise a social activity for parents before Christmas. Possible suggestions included mulled wine night, baking club, make up masterclass and/or art class.

AOB

- Anne informed parents about the arrival of the community dog, Elm. Assemblies will be held to introduce Elm to the students.
- A request was made to purchase microwaves for students' use. The request will be considered for senior students only due to health and safety concerns.
- A request to consider the use of chrome books by senior cycle students was discussed, but general feedback from teachers was to continue use of textbooks.