



Powerstown Parent Teacher Association

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PTA Annual General Meeting 30/09/2020

Location: Zoom

Time: 11am

Attendees: 32 people (names listed)

Minutes: [Click here for presentation](#)

1. Welcome	Juli & Helena welcomed everyone. Helena informed PTA AGM attendees she would assist by chairing today, as it was our first Zoom AGM
2. Online Etiquette	Attendees were advised to raise their hands to speak, and Cróna would unmute. Questions can also be added into chat & Cróna can read out
3. Minutes of the last AGM	Click here
4. Chairperson's report:	Click here
5. Financial report	Click here
6. Report from the subcommittees Traffic Management WhatsApp Grps & Constitution	<p>Traffic Management: Image of Betania Church shared with 190 car park spaces visible. Footpath from Betania to join footpath at front of school. Direct access via school grounds not viable due to 2.5 metre drop between sites. PTA & BoM continue to work with Fingal CoCo, DES, local residents, Gaelscoil an Chuilinn, gardaí and local cllrs re traffic management on Powerstown Rd</p> <p>WhatsApp Groups: CLICK Here for whatsapp informagraphic. Feedback from WhatsApp grps positive. 100% of survey takers (14) voted to keep whatsapp groups 92 % (13) voted that PTA reps should be admin in Whatsapp Grps. PTA need to identify admin in each whatsapp group, as PTA wish to "roll over" groups.</p>

	New groups need to be set up for Junior Infants, Birch class, and QR codes shared with new parents so they can join. This will be prioritised by PTA
7. Principal address	<p>Helena thanked entire school community for their support last year. Helena recognised that not all parents want to be active members of organisation but are actively involved in school events, fundraisers and activities.</p> <p>Helena spoke about prioritising pupil well being in school, and how pupils and teachers have really connected, creating positive atmosphere and enriched learning environment</p> <p>Helena spoke about DES request for school to extend their special class provision - open 1 new DLD class & 2 new ASD classes. BoM working hard to ensure we do not lose green space or recreational space</p> <p>Helena spoke about need for PTA to be creative in how we can promote parental involvement in Covid 19 times, and to come up with Covid 19 friendly fundraisers.</p> <p>Helena emphasised the need for the PTA to work together, develop empathy and to be connected to continue to be a positive organisation in the school.</p>
8. Election of new Parent Association committee	<p>Attendees at AGM were nominated as committee members and seconded by raising hands</p> <p>Timi (4), Juli (3), Beatriz (1), Andrea (1), Vera (2), Sara (1), Ruth (1), Rachel (2), Naja (1), Alexandra (2), Carla (3), Caroline (5), Geraldine (4), Vesma (5), Dominica (4), Katarina (3), Maribel (3), Aisling (3), Marissa (4), Didem (2)</p>
9. Guest speaker	Michelle Stowe - Ted Talk about restorative practice in schools, the importance of developing a sense of empathy and seeing others' perspectives when dealing with conflict. This can often strengthen relationships.
10. Q & A & Considerations for PTA for next year	<p><i>Query re introducing of paid lunch scheme in school.</i> Can be added to agenda of next meeting.</p> <p><i>Query re school library bus and when this service will resume.</i> Explained that library bus service will resume as normal when COVID-19 restrictions are reduced from Level 3.</p> <p><i>Raised possibility of sharing information about parent meetings and activities that all parents can get involved with in Whatsapp groups for parents who would like to get more involved</i></p>