**NEWBRIDGECOLLEGE PSA AGM**

**20th January 2015**

**Attendees:**

**Geraldine Caulfield, Orla Traynor, Paula Hart, Aine Hanlon Lynch, Kathleen Ryan, Pat O'Brien, Neville Conroy and Fr Larry Kelly - refer to register for list of parents.**

**Apologies: None**

GC welcomed everyone and expressed congratulations on behalf of the PSA for recent successes in rugby and hockey and the Young Scientist Exhibition.

**Pending Items:**

**Canteen**

See previous agreed actions

**Outside Furniture**

See previous agreed actions

**Table Tennis Table**

**Supergeneration**

**ebooks**

**ASTI**

**Lights/painting – maintenance programme summer 2015**

**previous agreed actions**

**Arrange Dr Heffernan talk**

It was agreed that if the proposed talk for next month was not confirmed by Jan 23rd that a new date would be sought. It was reported that the talk Dr Heffernan gave to parents in Clongowes was excellent and it was recommended that all efforts be made to arrange the talk.

**Outdoor games**

PH brought the research into the cost and styles/types of outdoor games/furniture. There is a wide range of cost across the various games. There were queries regarding the space for the games and cost to value ratio considering there may be limited use of the games.

It was decided that for now we would not purchase any more outdoor games or furniture.

**Texts re parent teacher meetings.**

Happening

**Nutrition Talk**

It was reported that the talk was excellent and with a very broad range – not solely focused on sport

**Follow up meeting with Students Council**

The PSA are waiting until after Mr Newsome has his meeting with Student Council before arranging the follow-up meeting

**Meeting with Canteen operators**

This meeting will take place in the second term

**TREASURERS REPORT:**

The Treasurer gave an update on the income and expenditure for the academic year to date. Raffle items for the musical and decorations for the church were the main items purchased.

**MANAGEMENT & PLANNING**

**Mock Interviews**

An invite will be sent parents following mid-term break.

**CURRICULUM**

**TY/Senior Options Talk**

A reminder was given that the TY/Senior Options Talk for 3rd year and TY students will be held on Jan 7th and the 2nd year Parent Teacher meetings are on Jan 29th

**LEARNING AND TEACHING SUPPORT**

**Careers Event**

At the Student Council meeting the idea of resurrecting the careers Event was raised. The committee have spoken to Mr Howard and he is very supportive. The PSA have agreed to do the ground work and get suggested speakers. KR will funnel this information back to Mr Howard. It is proposed that the event will be run during class time as a trial or pilot.

**communications**

**Suggestion Box**

To be discussed at next meeting.

**AOB**

**Gaelic Team for TY Students**

It was asked if there could be Gaelic Games arranged for TY students – it will be reviewed but the timetable-schedule is already very full.

**Ski Trip**

The TY students are heading off on the annual Ski Trip during mid-term

**Student Enterprise Awards**

Juile O’Keffee, the assistant Ty co-ordinator, has requested that a parent volunteer as a judge for the Student Enterprise Awards. The top 2/3 TY min-companies go on to the County Finals. The judging used to be conducted by the Kildare Enterprise Board but now must be carried out by the school. A parent (preferably not a TY parent) with an entrepreneurial interest in business would be ideal. A volunteer is needed soon as the event will take place on Feb 3rd.

**PE for Senior Cycle**

The absence of PE in Senior Cycle was queried. It has never been part of the Senior Cycle in the school as it is considered that there are extensive extracurricular activities available to students. It was agreed that it was open to discussion but that timetabling and gym availability would make it difficult. It was agreed to put it on the agenda for future meetings.

**School reports**

It was raised that the school reports appear to be very generic and most parents believed they should be more personal and detailed with more progress reported and perhaps an indication of the class average. Mr O Brien agreed that this had come up in staff meetings and it was something that would be further looked at.

**Letter from Board of Governors re school closures**

The need for the Board of Governors to send a letter was queried. It was explained that it was necessary to ensure that the information was received by all parents and that email or text may be unreliable in a small number of cases.

**Concussion Protocol**

It was proposed that the PSA would fund a course run by the IRFU on Safe Rugby. This is run at 3 levels – Level 1 is suitable for parents, coaches and spectators which costs €40-€80 per person. It was agreed to find out the fee for an awareness talk to parents, as opposed to a full training course and to give a similar talk to students which could be held after March.

One of the parents has kindly agreed to investigate / coordinate and revert to the PSA.

**Carol Service**

Fr. Larry thanked the PSA for their support with decorating the Church and funding some additional decorations. He also thanked all parents, relatives and friends who attended the service.

**Agreed Actions**

Arrange Dr Heffernan talk                                                           PH

Student Enterprise Volunteer GC

Canteen Staff meeting OT

Careers Event KR/All

Arrange meeting Prefects OT

1st year lockers                                                      POB/NC

Items to be put in Pending Items on Agenda KR

Concussion awareness talk TBC

Student reports POB/ NC

**THE NEXT PSA MEETING WILL BE HELD ON 24th February 2015**