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North Wicklow Educate Together Secondary School Parent Staff Association

Annual report of Chair of PSA

19th October 2021

This incoming committee met for the first time in November 2021 and the following positions were filled –

Chair: Samantha Holman

Vice-Chair:

Secretary: Seamus Young

Treasurer: Hellen Dalton

Also;

Rep to Board of Management: Ciara O'Mahony & Conn O Midheach

Events Co-ordinator: Hellen Dalton

Volunteer Co-ordinator: Meadhbh Rolff

Staff liaison: Jodie Butler and Robbie Doyle

Other committee members were Jo Murphy, Jo Brennan, Angela O'Higginsm Evan Furlong, Maeve Majewski, Niall O'Malley, Niamh O'Malley, Michelle Gargan and Jana Weldon

The 2020/21 Academic Year is a difficult one to reflect on, however, there have been many positives with the new management team, the new building and looking forward we are finally entering the sixth year of the school's development and will be facing into Leaving Certificate for the first time.

The committee continued to meet once a month during the school year and these meetings continued on Zoom which has facilitated increased participation in the meetings.

Unfortunately, over the last academic year, the pandemic and public health advice prevented the usual level of engagement. There were two online pub quizzes, the fundraiser in November and a free one towards the end of the year to just touch base. We are hoping that the opening of the new school community space in November will allow further engagement over the coming year.

We hope to reconnect with the Student Council before the end of the Winter term and look forward to meeting many of you in person over the coming months. Don't forget that we have a Facebook page for parents where we post interesting information and there's the opportunity for parents to keep in touch. Welcome to all the new families to our community.

Finally, on a personal note, I would like to thank all the Committee members for their hard work, good humour and ongoing unwavering support of the school community. Particular



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thanks to those who are standing down after a number of years commitment, Seamus Young, Hellen Barret, Meadhbh Rolff, Angela Higgins. Sincere thanks also to Jodie and Robbie for being such willing and supportive staff representatives. The collaboration between parents and staff is a partnership which will build strong foundations. We look forward to welcoming Lorraine and Evangelin as staff reps this year.

Congratulations to all the staff on the smooth transition to Ravenswell and the care and consideration you have shown our young people while teaching in a pandemic!

Samantha Holman
Chair NWETSS PSA
October 2021