

Student Council Minutes 18/10/24

Date and time: 18/10/24 1:15-2:00 pm

Venue: Room 9

In attendance: Ms Bruen, Ms Deery, Ms Darby, Mr. Mulroe along with majority of student council

Meeting started with a collection of Comhairle na nÓg meeting permission slips from second year and TY students in the Student Council. This meeting is set to take place on the 5th of November.

Mr. Mulroe then discussed various different aspects of school life that will be changed or improved upon. These aspects include:

- Having one-on-one talks between students and teachers to discuss grades as well as how school life is treating them and their general wellbeing within the school. This is to try and improve the mental wellbeing of students as well as student-teacher relationships.
- There will be a bigger emphasis placed on the staff team to correctly update compass with the accurate roles to identify whether a student is away at school activities or is sick and had to go home. This is to help Year Heads and Senior Management improve their understanding of the attendance levels of each student.
- There will be implementation of a “quiet room” in the new building designed to be used by any student who needs to take a moment away from everything and have some time to themselves.
- A sub-council will be created amongst the student council members that will be led by Mr. Mulroe. This sub-council will discuss the rules and policies given to each year group in greater detail and will have a bigger influence over how these policies should be adjusted or changed to fit students needs while still upholding the school’s standards.

There was a brief reminder to the 3rd and 6th Year Student Council Representatives that they were going to attend their parent-teacher meetings to provide catering services such as making tea and welcoming everyone as they entered.

A group photo was taken of the student council members present on the day at the front entrance to the school and we received our Student Council badges.

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Four discussion groups were created with a 6th Year as lead. Notes were taken on whiteboards.

Matters Arising:

Group 1

- No soap in girls' bathroom beside the Home Ec Rooms (keep bathrooms well stocked)
- Open Bus Gate during Senior Lunch to divert traffic from Íontas gate as Iontas has previously complained about this pedestrian traffic blocking the car park
- Having to pay 10 euros for replacing a Yondr Pouch is considered expensive and many people aren't in agreement with this. Yondr pouches should be funded by the school or by the government.

Group 2

- Door latches on outer doors not opened at times which slows pedestrian traffic, congests doorways and can be a potential safety hazard
- Leaking toilets beside Home Ec Rooms as well as no toilet seats in the new bathrooms.
- One-Way System can be restrictive and prevent people from getting to their classes on time, as well as being a general nuisance
- Large lines/crowds in the connecting hallway that could cause safety hazards due to the tight space.

Group 3

- 1st Years can't access their lockers at lunch time due to the shutters being closed around that section of the building.
- Restrictions on hoop earrings and nail varnish are excessive
- GPA and bathrooms can become too crowded at lunch.
- New stools needed for the Physics and Chemistry labs
- Creation of student council hoodies for all members

Group 4

- Rules around girls' make-up, nails and earrings should be less strict
- Religion should be used as a study class, especially for those in 3rd and 6th year
- Rules on boys' haircuts should be less strict, allowing for skin fades
- Homework should be reduced to allow for more independent study
- Additional PE classes

Meeting Concluded