



GCC Executive Student Council – Minutes of Meeting November 2023



Attendees:

Chairperson	Scott Finn
Vice Chairperson	Rian Leahy
Committee	Alicia Galvin
Secretary	Owen Williams
6th Year Representative	Judah Kolawole
5th Year Representative	Ronan Mulcahy
TY Representative	Hannah Mulcahy
Senior School Representative	Conor Galvin
Junior School/ 3rd Year Representative	Paris Matare
2nd Year Representative	Anna Lee
1st Year Representative	Elizabeth Downey
Coordinator	Ms. Fitzgerald
Chaplain	Ms. McInerney

- ✓ The minutes of the last meeting were read by Ms. Fitzgerald and seconded by C.Galvin. No amendments were made.
- ✓ Paris Matare was welcomed to the Executive council as 3rd year representative.
- ✓ Students were congratulated on their representation of the Student Council at Comhairle na nOg in City Hall.
- ✓ Ms. Mc Inerney spoke to the students about the upcoming Mass of Remembrance on Friday November 10th @1pm.
- ✓ An invitation was extended to everyone to attend the Catholic mass open to all faiths and none. Tea and coffee provided afterwards.
- ✓ It was announced that members of the Student Council had been invited to the Board of Management meeting on Monday 6 November at 4.15pm.
- ✓ A discussion took place on the topics to be presented as follows:
 - ✓ Owen Williams to introduce members and briefly outline the structure of the Student Council and vision for the role of the council in the year ahead.
 - ✓ Rian Leahy/Eve Flynn - Participation in Comhairle na nOg.
 - ✓ Paris Matare-'The Leader in Me', a leadership programme led by Ms. Casey.
 - ✓ Conor Galvin-ISIC cards and other actions taken.



Minutes of Student Council Meeting

Attendees:

- **Executive Council members.**
 - **Class Captains from all year groups.**
 - **Student Council Coordinator Ms. Fitzgerald**
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- ✓ Ms. Fitzgerald read the minutes of the last meeting.
 - ✓ One amendment was noted: the issue of vaping was highlighted at the last meeting but time did not allow for a full discussion of same.
 - ✓ Students were commended for their presentations at the Board of Management meeting on Monday 6 November.
 - ✓ Members of the Executive Council were invited to comment on recent participation on behalf of the Student Council at events:
 - ✓ Junior Cycle representative Paris Matare gave a synopsis of her presentation of 'The Leader in Me' programme.
 - ✓ Eve Flynn discussed her experience at Comhairle na nOg and Owen Williams outlined his presentation at the Board of Management meeting.

- ✓ As a Cork ETB (CETB) school, the role of the Ethos team representing the core values of the school was highlighted.
- ✓ Members of Student Council were invited to join the Ethos team, ideally from both Junior and Senior cycle. Names to be given to Ms. Leahy by interested students.
- ✓ The poor condition that room C15 was recently left in at lunchtime was highlighted as requested by Mr. Kennefick.
- ✓ Class Captains were asked to convey the message back that an improvement was expected. Failure to do so would result in the privilege being withdrawn.

In their year groups, Class Captains were then asked to discuss issues/topics of interest in their year group. Students were also asked to record proposed solutions to issues.

Each group was asked to nominate a 'recorder' and 'presenter' to facilitate feedback. The importance of the role of Class Captains communicating information back to classes was again emphasised.

The issues/topics were as follows:

- Shorts with the school uniform (plan ahead for summer). School leggings were also proposed as part of uniform.
- Anti-vaping notification in toilets that would attract the attention of students, for example graffiti style. Class captains felt the student body would pay more attention to this.
- General hygiene issues in toilets. Taps broken in some also.

- School classroom issues, example, classroom clocks and classroom blinds in A block.
- Congestion at gates at home time. Suggestion to allow exit from the other gate beside the PE hall.
- Questions raised about fundraisers. 'Wear your own clothes day' suggested as a fundraiser.
- TY students requested that they be allowed in the C block social area after their return from 'Activity Day'.
- Insecure locks on lockers was highlighted as an issue in 1st year.
- Request the 18 year old be allowed to the shop at lunch time.
- 5th year PPT meetings online-some students feel it would be far more beneficial if held in person.

Students were asked to prioritise one issue per year group and the proposed solution for discussion at the next meeting.