

St Gregory the Great Parent Staff Association [PSA]



The PSA has been an integral part of the school community since the school opened in 2003. The PSA is much more than just raising funds for the school. It exists to provide closer links between home and school and it is an excellent way to bring staff, parents and friends together socially in support of the school. It is also good fun!

You automatically become a member of the Parent Staff Association (PSA) when your child is at St Gregory the Great Catholic School, and we would like to invite you to come along to one of our meetings.

We usually meet once a term to discuss ways we can support the school. This can involve fundraising but we regularly look at ways in which we can bring the school and community together. We are entering a really exciting period in the life of our school and we want to involve as many people as possible in helping St Gregory the Great become the best school it can be.

Minutes of Annual General Meeting

Tuesday 27th September 2011

Present: Mr Hussey, Mr Teeling, Helena Strange, Mr Ahmed, Paula Florey, Lynne Powell, Ms Robinson, Elaine Dale, Alan Foulkes, Joyce Kamugisha, Deborah Hill, Lucy Curtin, Saia Shan, Nighat Shan, Mary Robinson, Siobhan Teasdale

Apologies: Claire Thacker, Kate Hield, Caroline Griffiths, Ally Dunnett

Helena opened the meeting with a prayer.

Agenda item	Discussion	Actions	People responsible
Review of last AGM minutes	The minutes were reviewed and found to be correct		
Chair's report	Helena presented her report in which she thanked all those on the PSA committee for their continued support of the school and encouraged further parents to join the group. The report highlights the many successful events which the PSA ran and summarised donations to the school as follows: Rock challenge: £100 World Youth Day: £1500 Retreat to Alton Towers £100		
Treasure's report	Mr Ahmed presented the Treasurer's report in which the finishing balance at 31/08/2011 was £3600.64.		
Finishing balance	The PSA agreed to make further donations to the school as follows: Media department £1000 for		

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	<p>equipment</p> <p>Table tennis table for the playground £1500</p>		
Headmaster	<p>Mr Hussey thanked the PSA for all their hard work during the last year and asked that further parents also be encouraged to join the group. He presented the soon to be published Ofsted report in which the school has improved from 'satisfactory' to 'good' with Outstanding features. The Head thanked the PSA for their vital role in this improvement and re-stated the mission of the school to be 'Outstanding in 2012'. The PSA affirmed their commitment to the school to help achieve this aim</p>		
The PSA Chair role	<p>Helena would like to hand over to a new Chairperson next year and so would like the next Chairperson to be identified so they can shadow her for this year. Helena has requested that potential candidates make themselves known to her. It is recognised that because of the success of the group, the PSA events and their support are much in demand. It has been agreed that the PSA will make a planned programme of events so the workload can be evenly spread throughout the year.</p>		
Election of Officers and Committee	<p>The Officers were voted in as follows: Paula Florey, Lynne Powell, Joyce Kamugisha, Lucy Curtin Chair: Helena Strange Treasurer: Mr Ahmed Secretary: Siobhan Teasdale</p>		
The introduction of mixed ability groups into St Gregory's	<p>The PSA would like further information on the rationale and monitoring process for this. Members of the PSA have offered their assistance to ensure this process runs well. The parents would like to have information about what training have the teachers had to embark on this change in teaching style and queried when the review meeting of this change is planned to be? Parents would like further information and would like to request a meeting with representation from the school to discuss it further</p>	<p>This request will be escalated to Mr Hussey</p>	<p>Mr Ahmed</p>
Parent Governors	<p>Any parents can contact the Parent Governors group to raise issues of concern and this can be done by contacting the Headmaster's PA via the</p>		

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	school switchboard		
Information for parents and young people	The parents would like a year group specific newsletter so information relevant to the particular year groups can be shared in more detail	This request will be escalated to Mr Hussey	Mr Teeling
Sixth Form	The parents were asking when the next Sixth form open evening is. It is Tues 11 th October 7pm		
Social Events	<p>Forthcoming events:</p> <p>Blues Brothers or Glenn Miller night: Friday February 10th 2012 £25</p> <p>Carols by Candlelight 15th December</p> <p>Curry Quiz night November Fri 18th</p> <p>Gregfest 22nd June</p>	Mr Ahmed has kindly offered to organise the curry again at Curry Quiz	Mr Ahmed
Agenda items	Items for the agenda can be sent by parents to the school prior to the PSA meetings to ensure all parents have the PSA as a vehicle for raising new issues they would like to discuss		
Meetings	<p>Next PSA meeting: Tues 8th November 7-9pm.</p> <p>Agenda items so far:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Reviewing the introduction of mixed ability groups 2. Planning the quiz night. 		
Access to the PSA	All parents with children at St Gregory's are automatically members of the PSA. The PSA committee warmly welcomes parents and staff to the group and would like to ensure that becoming involved is easy.	Meeting dates will be set in advance for the remainder of the school year. These will be advertised on the website. Meetings take place in the Meeting room at the school. Any parents or staff can simply turn up on the night of a meeting, to listen, raise issues, or take part and they will be made very welcome.	PSA members
Any other business	There was none and the meeting was closed.		