

## ***HISTORY OF STUDENT COUNCILS - TRALEE EDUCATE TOGETHER N.S.***

**February 2004:** First Student Council composed of children from senior section. Abi Hurley-Collins was prefect. They helped to organise bag-packing to raise funds for books for the school library.

### **Student Council 2009 to 2010:**

**Elections:** Held on the 9<sup>th</sup> October 2009 following campaign with speeches, posters and voting by secret ballot.

**Count:** presided over by Deputy Mayor Mairead Fernane in Denis' classroom.

**Members:** One boy and one girl elected from older classes.

**Student Council Committee** – Catherine Barry and Caroline Doyle.

#### **MEMBERS:**

*Cerys Rider and Felix Walker,  
Vilte Gaidelyte and Haris Ismail,  
Jennifer Byrne and Kenny Foran,  
Rose Looney and Josh Dicken.  
(Ryan Moran took over from Josh)*

**Officers:** Rose was Chairperson and Jennifer was Secretary.

**Training:** provided during school hours.

#### **Achievements:**

- First Student Council to visit Town Hall in November 2009. Presented with scrolls and badges.
- Fundraiser for Haiti Earthquake victims – crazy costume competition – raised €480.
- Newspaper article re election, Haiti fundraiser and trip to Town Hall.
- Website of [www.tralee.ie](http://www.tralee.ie) – included photo of trip to Town hall.
- Members presented with scroll at end of term to thank them for contribution, with cinema tickets.

## Student Council 2009 to 2010



**Cerys Rider and Felix Walker**

**Vilte Gaidelyte and Haris Ismail**

**Jennifer Byrne and Kenny Foran**

**Rose Looney and Josh Dicken (Ryan replaced Josh)**

**Chairperson: Rose**

**Secretary: Jennifer**

## **Student Council 2010 to 2011:**

**Elections:** Held on **13 October 2010** during Ethos Week. Class Plans prepared in advance of elections. Posters, speeches and vote by secret ballot.

**Count** presided over by Mayor of Tralee – Arthur J Spring – in school yard.

**Members:** One boy and one girl elected from 2<sup>nd</sup> to 4<sup>th</sup> class, two boys and two girls from 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> class.

**Certificates:** Winners presented with Certificates – including group photo with Mayor.

**Committee:** Catherine Barry (elections), Caroline Doyle, Treasa Ahern and Maryanne Keane.

### **MEMBERS AND OFFICERS:**

*Co-Chairpersons: Rían O'Connor and Ryan Leonard*

*Co-Secretaries: Lia Moeller and Haris Ismail*

*Junior Liaison Officers: Lia Moeller and Saoirse Hussey*

*PR Team 1: Patrick O'Sullivan, Cathal Commame, Haris Ismail*

*PR Team 2: Felix Walker, Daire Doyle O'Brien, Colin Stroppel*

*Members: Sara Stroppel, Sorenta Ivanauskaite, Siobhan Foran, Sherraya O'Connell*

**Training:** Two sessions – in November during school hours and in February after-school with pizza and coke! Student Council handbook for each member - includes information on how to hold meetings and roles of members and officers.

### **Achievements:**

- Fundraiser for books 28 January 2011 - raised €188 – dress up as favourite book character – draw picture or write piece about book character. Winning entries display.
- Health and Safety – members asked to identify hazards/dangers
- New Student Council noticeboard organised
- Pupils feedback to General School Survey – discussed with Denis
- Ideas for St Patrick's Day Parade
- Books purchased for each classroom
- School clean up/ Yard difficulties relayed to Principal/rota for toilet monitoring
- Trip to Town Hall April 2011 – met with Mayor Gillian Wharton Slattery, Cllr Mairead Fernane, Brenda Conway (Acting Town clerk) – Treasa, Caroline and Maryanne attended - speech, scrolls , refreshments, – NO HOMEWORK! . Thank you letter sent to Council staff and Mayor.
- Student Council logo competition June 2011 – Siobhan Forans logo adopted – hand.
- First Student council newsletter produced in June 2011 – articles written by each member and SC committee members. Circulated to school and two Mayors.
- Letter received from Arthur J Spring, with invitation to visit the Dáil
- Letter to Chris Reina inviting him to Ice-cream day and use of toys – fab letter in reply
- Speeches at Public Information Evening, and at start of Multi-Faith and Culture Day
- Ice-cream Day organised with Gail – facepainting, lucky dips, madhatters, Chris entertainment
- Members presented with certificates and cinema tickets at Assembly at end of term.
- Articles appeared in papers re election, trip to Town Hall, Fundraiser for Books, Ice-cream Day, and included in new school website.
- €38 donated to next year's Student council (out of funds raised for books).

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## **Student Council 2011 to 2012**

**Elections:** Held on **18<sup>th</sup> October 2011** (same day as Presidential election) during Ethos Week. Class plans prepared, gallery walk, student council fun quiz, posters, speeches, vote by secret ballot.

**Count :** presided over by Grace O'Donnell, Mayor of Tralee.

**Certificates:** Winners presented with Certificates – including group photo with Mayor.

**Committee:** Denis Reidy, Caroline Doyle and Maryanne Keane.

### **MEMBERS AND OFFICERS:**

*Co-Chairpersons: Luke O'Dohery and Kenny Foran*

*Co-Secretaries: Neil Moore-Ryan and Sara Stroppel*

*(Sara was replaced by Gift Ovbude)*

*Co-Treasurers: Darragh O'Reilly and Bosun Falade*

*Junior Liaison Officers: Vilte Gaidelyte and Caitlin McCormack*

*PR Team 1: Andrew O'Connell, Ruairi Foran, Jagoda Waszkiewicz*

*PR Team 2: Eshaal Rana, Peace Ovbude, Wiktor Danilewicz*

**Training:** November 2011 afterschool with pizza and coke. Updated Student Council handbook circulated.

### **Achievements:**

- Signs for toilets
- Ethical Education survey report.
- Fundraiser for benches 30<sup>th</sup> March 2012 – raffle for Easter Egg donated by Parents Association, and homework passes as prizes. Raised €100
- Trip to the Town Hall 27<sup>th</sup> April – met with Mayor Grace O'Donnell, Cllr Mairead Fernane, Michael Scannell (Town Clerk) – Denis Gail Francis and Maryanne. Questions prepared – scrolls, refreshments, and NO HOMEWORK! Information on Town Hall circulated in advance of trip.
- Speech at Public Information Evening.
- Student Council newsletter – articles written by members and committee members
- Type of bench and location agreed with members - bench arrived in June – cost €357 – infants kept sitting on it!
- Email to Chris about his toys for Ice-cream day.
- Ice-cream Day – turned out very wet day – icecream, facepainting, lucky dip, Chris' toys. Assembly – members presented with certificates and cinema tickets.
- Articles appeared in papers re election, trip to Town hall, fundraiser for bench, and on the school website.



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### **Student Council 2012 to 2013:**

**Elections:** Held on **11<sup>th</sup> October 2012**. Class plans prepared, talks on democracy, Student Council fun quiz, posters, speeches, vote by secret ballot.

**Count:** presided over by Cllr. Johnny Wall, Mayor of Tralee in school yard.

**Certificates:** Winners presented with Certificates – including group photo with Mayor and school group photo.

**Committee:** Denis Reidy, Caroline Doyle and Maryanne Keane.

#### **MEMBERS AND OFFICERS:**

*Co-Chairpersons: Sherraya O'Connell and Rory O'Connor*

*Co-Secretaries: Jessica Davis and Nicolas Larkin Damm*

*Co-Treasurers: Basit Kareem and Adrian Dunka*

*Junior Liaison Officers: Kyle Hellstrom and Caoimhe Hussey*

*PR Team 1: Bríd Doyle O'Brian, Wendy Jakpovi, Nikolas Gyngo*

*PR Team 2: Siobhan Foran, Jagoda Waszkiewicz, Jack Erah dun*

**Training:** 19<sup>th</sup> October 2012 - afterschool with pizza and coke. Updated Student Council handbook circulated.

#### **Achievements:**

- Some members helped with Parents Association Cake Sale
- Ideas for prizes for attendance
- Name badges organised
- 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration – greetings and presentation
- Article in paper regarding elections

#### **Plans for rest of this year:**

- Talent Show
- Fundraiser
- Trip to Town Hall
- Newsletter
- Icecream Day.

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