

CONSTITUTION OF CLONTURK COMMUNITY COLLEGE PARENTS, GUARDIANS AND TEACHERS ASSOCIATION (PGTA)

NAME:

The name of the Association shall be Clonturk Community College PGTA

OBJECTIVES:

1. To support the College and its Mission Statement, and that of the CDETb and Educate Together
2. The advancement of the moral, mental, social, cultural and educational well-being of the students of the College and of the community generally.
3. The fostering of good relations between parents, students, past pupils and past members of the Association, and the College authorities with the aim of nurturing the sense of a school community.
4. To raise funds for College activities/resources or for wider community activities endorsed by the College, through various events.
5. The election of parents' nominees to the Board of Management.

MEMBERSHIP:

All parents or legal guardians of students attending the school shall be automatic members of the Association as are member of the teaching staff.

Under the Education Act, 2008, parents/guardians have a right to participate in the promotion of their children's interests in their school. This right can be exercised to its full potential by members supporting their child's overall wellbeing and education during their term here in the college, and by attending, participating in, and contributing to events or initiatives organised on behalf of the PTA, whether they concern a member's child directly, or relate to the college community at large.

AFFILIATIONS:

The Association may, if desirable and appropriate, affiliate to a National association or organisation.

GENERAL MEETINGS:

1. The Annual General meeting shall be held during October of each year.
2. The PGTA Committee may, at its discretion, convene an Extraordinary General Meetings (EGM) of the Association. In exceptional circumstances, the PA Committee must convene and Extraordinary General Meeting (EGM) of the Association when a written request to call such a meeting is received and signed by a minimum of twenty (20) members of the Association. Such a request shall state the business to be considered at such a meeting.
3. Notice of General Meetings shall be given fourteen (14) days in advance of a General Meeting.
4. General Meetings shall be chaired by the Chairperson (or a nominee) of the PGTA Committee.
5. The quorum for General Meetings shall be set by the PGTA Committee.
6. An open invitation to participate in all General Meetings shall be extended to the Principal of the College.
7. Subject to approval of the College authorities, the PGTA Committee may invite to General Meetings such persons as the PGTA Committee deems necessary.
8. The PGTA Committee shall present a report of its activities during the preceding year, including a financial statement at the Annual General Meeting.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

1. The Association shall be managed by a committee of its members called the 'PGTA Committee'.
2. The minimum number of members of the PGTA Committee shall be six (6) and the maximum shall be fifteen (15).
3. The PGTA Committee shall elect, at a minimum, from among its membership the three (3) main Officer positions of Chairperson, Secretary and Treasurer.
4. The PGTA Committee shall have power to co-opt members onto the PGTA Committee to fill any vacancies which may arise throughout the academic year.
5. The PGTA Committee shall hold at a minimum four (4) PTA Committee meetings every academic year, and shall sit on any other occasion that is deemed necessary.
6. An open invitation to participate in all PGTA Committee meetings shall be extended to the Principal of the College.
7. Subject to approval of the College authorities, the PGTA Committee may invite to its meetings such persons as the PGTA Committee deems necessary.
8. The PGTA Committee shall have the power to appoint sub-committees to assist it from time to time. Sub-Committees may consist of members or non-members of the Association and shall report directly to the PGTA Committee.

ELECTION OF PARENTS' REPRESENTATIVES TO THE BOARD OF MANAGEMENT:

(a) In accordance with the rules governing nomination of Parents' Representatives to the School Board of Management, the Association shall conduct an election to nominate the Parents' Representatives to the Board of Management.

(b) Notice of election shall be given to all parents one month in advance of the date of the election.

(c) Nominations of Candidates shall be submitted to the Executive Committee at a Special General Meeting of the Association/Council.

This Constitution may be amended from time to time at a General Meeting of the Association. A two-thirds majority of the members present shall be required to carry an amendment to the Constitution.

OFFICIAL STATEMENTS AND REPRESENTATIONS:

No member of the Association/Council other than the Chairperson or member nominated either by the chairperson or by the Executive Committee shall make any official or public statement or representation on behalf of the Association.

LIAISON WITH SCHOOL AUTHORITIES:

Liaison with School shall normally be maintained through correspondence by the Secretary, or by deputation nominated by the Chairperson or Executive Committee, with the Principal or the school and/or his nominees.

The Association/Council in discharging its functions recognise that the examination and resolution of problems relating to individual pupils or parents will be for determination between the individual pupil and/or his parents and the School Authorities.

The Association/Council also recognises that matters concerning the School Curriculum and its implementation are the function of the School Authorities.

The Executive Committee shall present a report of its activities during the preceding year, including a financial statement to the Annual General Meeting.

WINDING UP:

Winding up of the Association/Council shall only be valid if accepted at a General Meeting convened for this purpose. In the event of the winding up of the Association/Council any assets on hand shall be presented to the Board of Management for school purposes.