**PARENT ASSOCIATION OF STONEBRIDGE ACADEMY**

 **CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS**

**MISSION STATEMENT**:

It is the mission of the Parent Association of Stonebridge Academy to make every child’s potential a reality by engaging and empowering families to work together and in accord with teachers and administration for the best possible education.

1. **The Purpose of the Parent Association**

The purpose of the Parent Association is to provide a structure through which the

parents of children attending Stonebridge Academy can work together for the

best possible education for their children. The Parent Association will work with the Principal, staff and School Board to build effective partnership between home and school.

The Parent Association is not a forum for complaint against individual teachers, staff, Headmaster or parents.

1. **The Aim of the Parent Association**

The parents of students of Stonebridge Academy shall establish and maintain a Parent Association and it shall be open to all parents of students of the school.

A Parent Association shall promote the interests of Stonebridge students in co-operation with the Board, Headmaster, teachers and students of the school and for that purpose may advise the Headmaster on any matter relating to the school.

The aim of the Parent Association is to enable parents to play their part in ensuring the best possible education for their children.

1. **The Membership of the Parent Association**

All parents or guardians of children attending Stonebridge Academy will be deemed to be members of the Parent Association. All members are encouraged to attend meetings of the Parent Association, but at minimum shall be provided information pertaining to the activities of the Parent Association.

1. **The Working Committee of the Parent Association**

The members of the Parent Association will establish a working committee and will have the responsibility for representing the parents and managing the activities of the Parent Association. The working committee will be comprised of those active members that attend the meetings of the Parent Association.

A Chairperson shall be selected by the working committee.

The Parent Association working committee will be responsible for ensuring that all parents are consulted on issues which are pertinent to the entire parent body.

The Parent Association working committee may advise the Headmaster and Board on any matters relating to the school.

The working committee is the team that will manage the tasks of the association on behalf of the parent body (the members).

The working committee will draw up a plan for the activities of the association, in consultation with parents and in accordance with their wishes.

The working committee will be responsible for seeing that activities are run in an efficient and effective way.

The working committee will consult with the school Headmaster and Board when planning the program of activities for any particular year.

The working committee will arrange with the Headmaster and Board a system for ongoing communication.

1. **Fundraising for the School**

Fundraising for the school by the Parent Association will be done with the prior agreement of the Board. The Parent Association committee will agree with the Board as to the specific purposes for which funds are to be raised by the Parent Association.