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1. Introduction

The Stichting Vrienden van de Nieuwe Park Rozenburgschool (the NPRS Foundation or Foundation) was established on 31 December 2007 and holds ANBI (Public Benefit Organisation) status. The foundation aims to (i) contribute to activities and lessons for the benefit of a good mixed neighborhood school, paying attention to all target groups in line with the integration philosophy of the Nieuwe Park Rozenburgschool (NPRS), (ii) coordinate and encourage activities for the pupils of the NPRS, and (iii) improve the living environment for the pupils of the NPRS.

The Foundation manages the financial donations from parents and benefactors to the NPRS and advises on how to spend these donations. All expenditures by the Foundation directly benefit the pupils of the NPRS.

The NPRS is a school in a mixed neighbourhood located in the heart of Rotterdam Kralingen. It is a Christian primary school with open doors to all religions. Over 600 pupils are taught at the NPRS. The school has a low-threshold voluntary parental contribution of EUR 80. Compared to surrounding schools, this is a modest amount. The principle is to keep this amount low so that the school remains accessible to everyone.

2. Organisation

All board members are parents with children at the NPRS and receive no compensation for their work.

As from the start of the 2025/2026 school year, the roles within the board will be as follows:

- Anne Sjoukema – Chair
- Mirjam van Thiel – Treasurer
- Sergio van Santen – Secretary
- Aleid Jansen – General board member
- Olivier Dirkwager – General board member
- Dirk Jan Dokman – General board member
- Jasper van der Bijl – General board member

Erwin Noorman (Treasurer) has stepped down as of from the start of the new school year 2025-2026.

During the school year 2024-2025 the board held 8 meetings of which four meetings were held jointly with the Participation Council (Medezeggenschapsraad or MR). On behalf of the school board, Dorien van der Marel regularly attended board meetings.

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2. Expenditures and donations

Expenditures

The total amount spent by the Foundation on educational support in 2024-2025 exceeded EUR 20,000.

Music lessons

After a successful pilot in the 2023-2024 season, ZangExpress lessons were continued during the 2024-2025 school year. ZangExpress began searching early on for a permanent instructor who would be a good fit for NPRS and could teach all music lessons at the school. Following a meeting that was positively received by both parties, Melissa Lopes became the permanent music teacher at NPRS.

During the school year, a special choir was formed that performed at the start of the annual Christmas celebration at school and during the diploma ceremony for master's students of PABO at the Erasmus University.

In the 2025-2026 school year, the collaboration with ZangExpress and Melissa was continued and intensified. At Melissa's request, additional music instruments will be purchased to further enrich the lessons, and the school choir will become more established with biweekly rehearsals led by Melissa. This not only gives a group of children the opportunity to further engage with music and develop their skills, but also the chance to perform at special events in the city.

A municipal subsidy of EUR 9,500 was received at the start of the 2024-2025 school year, but had already been allocated to the previous school year and was recorded as an amount receivable as of 31 August 2024.

Greening the schoolyard

The current schoolyard at the Hoflaan location dates from 2021. The schoolyard consists of a lot of 'stone' and little greenery. The play area is limited, especially given the number of students at the school. The school leadership and the Participation Council (MR), also inspired by several engaged students, have initiated a plan to renew the schoolyard with the goal of enhancing play, tranquillity, and greenery. The NPRS Foundation contributes to this effort and organized, among other things, a sponsored run at the Excelsior stadium during the 2024-2025 school year. On that day, 470 children ran for a greener schoolyard and together secured more than 2,500 sponsors—a fantastic achievement by the children.

In the meantime, the first tree has been planted, and several discussions have taken place with various parties, all specialized in greening projects.

The priorities are to add greenery and to reduce noise. The proposal is to first tackle the tall Kindergarden wall, along with planting beds and façade greenery. At the same time, the soccer field could be redesigned to create two smaller soccer fields.

After consulting with the school's former architect, the plan was refined to avoid 'cosmetic greening' and to truly address the existing problems (heat, noise, and water nuisance). This approach ensures not just more greenery, but also that it is sustainable and future-proof, with an eye toward climate adaptation and combating 'urban heat,' an issue expected to worsen in the coming years.

The greening work will continue into the 2025-2026 school year.

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Fundraising activities

In addition to the previously mentioned sponsored run, various fundraising activities were organized during the 2024-2025 school year, including the traditional pasta dinner and the annual Christmas gathering at Trompenburg Arboretum. Both events have been evaluated and are expected to return next year in a revised format. It is important that these events are accessible to everyone and continue to bring together parents, sponsors, and school staff.

Donations

In total, EUR 34,390 was raised this year through agreements, sponsorships, and donations. The total proceeds from the sponsored run exceeded EUR 41,000, partly raised by the pupils themselves and partly by sponsors. The remaining income came from the Christmas gathering at Trompenburg Arboretum and the pasta dinner.

The overview below shows the development of the three donation categories. For comparison purposes, the (one-time) income from the sponsored run in the 2024-2025 school year is not included in the overview.

- Annual donations
- Deeds & donation agreements
- Corporate/business sponsors

	Donations			Deeds/agreements		
	#	Amount	Average	#	Amount	Average
2022/23	24	€ 7,055	€ 294	34	€ 20,450	€ 601
2023/24	8	€ 1,775	€ 223	37	€ 22,075	€ 597
2024/25	16	€ 2,265	€ 142	38	€ 25,725	€ 676
	Sponsors			Total		
	#	Amount	Average	#	Amount	Average
2022/23	10	€ 8,350	€ 835	68	€ 38,755	€ 570
2023/24	11	€ 9,250	€ 840	56	€ 33,100	€ 591
2024/25	7	€ 6,400	€ 914	61	€ 34,390	€ 564

A notarial deed is not required to make the periodic donation tax-deductible. A signed donation agreement is also sufficient. This makes it easier for parents to enter into an agreement. By doing so, parents commit to an agreement for at least five years, whereby the same amount is donated annually. Under this agreement, the annual donation is tax-deductible for the parents. At the same time, these longer-term agreements are interesting for the Foundation, as the Foundation knows in advance the amount they can count on in the coming years to cover recurring expenses.

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Liquidity

As of 31 August 2025 (end of the school and reporting year), the Foundation had over EUR 120,000 in cash/liquid assets. There are several important reasons for this higher amount, namely:

- The full proceeds from the sponsored run had been received. The plans for the greening of the schoolyard were still underway and had not yet led to (expected) expenditures by the end of the school year.
- In the 2024-2025 school year, the Foundation stopped financing the Maak-o-Theek boxes, which resulted in lower expenses for subject support.
- It is expected that expenditures in the 2025-2026 school year will rise significantly due to the wonderful plans for the greening of the schoolyard and the upcoming anniversary of the NPRS.

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3. Financial statements

BALANS	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25
	31-aug-23	31-aug-24	31-aug-25
Bank accounts: checking	€ 12.723	€ 4.640	€ 4.138
Bank accounts: savings	€ 45.695	€ 56.144	€ 117.004
Total Liquid assets:	€ 58.418	€ 60.784	€ 121.142
Pre-paid expenses/To be received	€ -	€ 9.500	€ -
Totaal Bezittingen	€ 58.418	€ 70.284	€ 121.142
Equity: start of the schoolyear	€ 69.623	€ 58.417	€ 70.284
Result school year	€ -11.206	€ 11.867	€ 50.858
Equity: end of the schoolyear	€ 58.417	€ 70.284	€ 121.142
Advances/To be paid	€ -	€ -	€ -
Total liabilities	€ 58.417	€ 70.284	€ 121.142
Profit & loss	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25
	31-aug-23	31-aug-24	31-aug-25
Donations	€ 7.055	€ 1.775	€ 2.265
Agreements	€ 20.450	€ 22.075	€ 25.725
Sponsors	€ 8.350	€ 9.250	€ 6.400
Result from fundraising activities	€ 7.294	€ 6.319	€ 47.933
Total income	€ 43.149	€ 39.419	€ 82.323
Support school subject: Music	€ -16.636	€ -17.164	€ -20.775
Support school subject: Handicraft	€ -24.046	€ -	€ -
Lesson: Technology	€ -13.310	€ -16.335	€ -
Costs for fundraising activities	€ -	€ -3.392	€ -9.938
Total expenses	€ -53.992	€ -36.891	€ -30.713
Other expenses	€ -93	€ -278	€ -1.295
Other income	€ -	€ 9.500	€ 19
Interest income	€ 8	€ 448	€ 860
Bank costs	€ -277	€ -333	€ -335
Total costs	€ -362	€ 9.337	€ -751
Result	€ -11.206	€ 11.865	€ 50.858

4. Expectations for next school year

In the coming school year, the costs for music lessons and other support are expected to continue to rise. However, the number of sponsors and deed holders remains—so far—roughly stable. As a result, the overall financial result will continue to be under pressure unless income increases.

In the short term, the Foundation has sufficient liquid assets to absorb price increases. Nevertheless, in the coming school years, more agreement/deed holders, donators and sponsors will be needed to continue to bear these higher costs in the longer term. Starting from the 2025-2026 school year, the board has been supplemented with members who will focus on recruitment and communication with the Friends. The expectation is that this will require increased donations, which is expected to become cautiously visible by the end of the school year.

During the 2025-2026 school year, the collaboration with ZangExpress will be continued and intensified. Additionally, the implementation of the greening of the schoolyard will begin. Additional funds will also be raised for this purpose. There are opportunities for grants, possibly again for music lessons as well.

A major change for the coming school year is that active fundraising will take place at the Assendelftstraat location. Previously, the NPRS school management saw no reason for this because there were sufficient resources to fulfil the wishes for this location. This has since changed, and a form has been determined in which this fundraising will take place, considering the origin of funds as well as the specific wishes of both locations.

An initial contribution from the Foundation for both locations is expected to be made for the celebration of the NPRS anniversary during the 2025-2026 school year.

On behalf of the board, we would like to sincerely thank all parents, donors, and school staff for their support over the past school year. Furthermore, we invite them to continue sharing their ideas and thoughts with us.

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Anne Sjoukema

Chair