



Le Chéile Secondary School, Tyrrelstown Board of Management

Agreed Report

7th November 2017

A meeting of the Board of Management of Le Chéile Secondary School took place in the school on Tuesday, November 7th 2017 at 7.00pm.

Present: Michael Denny (Chairperson), Aine Moran (Secretary to the Board), Leona Harrington (Recording Secretary), Jenasky Cabrera, Anthony Hamilton, Brian McCann, Mary Meany, Evaistus Okafor, Margaret O'Shea. **Apologies:** Susan Bryson

Welcome:

The new Board of Management was convened and expressed gratitude to the outgoing Board for their service to the school. Mary Meany and Everistus Okafor continued from the previous Board, while Michael Denny was appointed as chairperson, joined newly to the Board by Susan Bryson, Jenasky Cabrera, Anthony Hamilton, Brian McCann, and Margaret O'Shea.

Lighting:

The Board is very concerned with the lack of lighting around the school grounds and on the approach road. The Board has decided to pursue this issue with the relevant bodies.

Principal's Report

1. Parent's Council:

The AGM of the Parent's Council was held on Thursday, 28th September 2017. Elections were held for the coming year. The results were as follows: Liza Dunne (chairperson), Jenasky Cabrera (vice-chairperson), Kateryna Kozyk (secretary), Sharon Geraghty (vice-secretary), Colette McKenzie (treasurer).

2. Teacher Allocation:

The final allocation was made to the school on the 20th October 2017. As a result of this allocation, the school has advertised for 11 hours Guidance and Counselling and 18 hours English and RE positions.

3. Droichead Quality Assurance:

The Board expressed delight that the school was selected to participate in the Droichead Quality Assurance Process and welcomes the upcoming visit by the PP School Panel to the school to meet with Principal and the members of the Professional Support Team.

4. TL21

The Board were pleased to hear that Le Chéile Secondary School has been accepted into the TL21 programme for 2017-2018 and wishes to thank Aine Moran, Leona Harrington, Paul Kennedy, Ciara Sheehan, Brian McCann, and Kim Byrnes for their

participation on behalf of the school.

5. Furniture and Equipment

The Board acknowledged receipt of funding from the Department of Education, which allows for the purchase of classroom furniture.

6. Angel Quiz

Congratulations and thanks were expressed to Sarah Finnegan for organising such a successful Angel Quiz marking the beginning of the Angel Leadership and Mentoring Programme for 2017/18.

7. Opening of the School Year Mass

The Board acknowledged the Mass to celebrate the Opening of the School Year was held on the School Feast Day (October 2nd) and wishes to thank Mgr Eoin Thynne for giving so readily of his time to celebrate the Mass for us. Thanks were also expressed to the many staff and students involved in leading such a meaningful ceremony.

8. Open Evening for Incoming First Years

The Board was particularly edified to hear of the huge success of the Open Evening for incoming first years and wishes to express its' gratitude to all staff for their extraordinary efforts.

9. Minister of Education

The Board noted the visit of Richard Bruton TD to the school and again congratulated the school on the visit.

10. Cosy Clothes Day

The Board wishes to thank the members of the Amber Flag Committee for a very successful Cosy Clothes Day.

11. European Day of Languages

The Board noted the successful celebration of European Languages Day with the Annual Spelling Bee and wishes to thank the Languages Departments for organising such a momentous learning occasion.

12. Breakfast Club

The Board were extremely gratified to hear about the success of the fundraising efforts in order to open the schools' Breakfast Club. The Board were delighted to note that the Le Chéile spirit has permeated every level which was evidenced in the support given by all staff. The Board wishes to express particular thanks to Brian McCann, Ena McKiernan, and Nicola Molloy for leading the Breakfast Club.

13. Maths and Coding Week

The Board noted the success of Maths and Coding Week, despite Hurricane Ophelia and thanked the Maths and Coding Departments for leading events such as Daily Riddles, Tomb of Terror, Pi-Day, and T-shirt Thursday. The Board wishes to

particularly the success of The Cube on its first occasion in the school and thank all staff and students involved.

14. Transition Year

It was highlighted to the Board the huge success of the schools inaugural Transition Year Programme under the guidance and huge efforts of coordinator Eoin Walshe. The Board wishes to express its gratitude to Eoin for his leadership, time and commitment to TY.

15. Sporting Achievements

The Board congratulates the school on its many sporting successes already this academic year. Particular congratulations are expressed to the schools new Rugby Teams on bringing home silverware from its first outing. Thanks are expressed to Paul Kennedy and Peadar Harvey for their time and commitment. The Board also wishes to congratulate the U16 Boys Basketball and notes the great achievements made by the school in Basketball and congratulates Michelle Muldoon and thanks her for all her hard work.

16. Tyrrelstown Soul

The Board wishes to thank Sean McNulty, Aoife Bannon and all the students for participating in the community cleanup. It is thrilled to see the level of volunteerism in the school community.

Meeting Concluded 9.15pm

Dates for forthcoming meetings:

13th December 2017

18th January 2018

1 March 2018

11 April 2018

16th May 2018