



Le Chéile Secondary School, Tyrrelstown Board of Management

Agreed Report

11th September 2019

A meeting of the Board of Management of Le Chéile Secondary School took place in the school on Wednesday, September 12th 2018 at 7.00pm.

Present: Michael Denny (Chairperson), Leona Harrington (Secretary), Róisín Ní Dhonncha (Recording Secretary), Jenasky Cabrera, Brian McCann, Everistas Okafor, Margaret O'Shea

Apologies: Susan Bryson, Ann Donnelly, Anthony Hamilton

Leaving Certificate Results

The Board wishes to congratulate our recent graduates on their very successful Leaving Certificate results, and to extend its deep gratitude to all the staff of Le Chéile who have supported, and guided the students over the past five years.

School Planning

The Board was delighted to hear of the staff engagement in school planning activities and workshops over the opening days of the school year 2019/20. The Board wishes to extend a heartfelt thanks to all who led workshops over these days on School Culture, Digital Learning Plan, Code of Behaviour, the Effective Use of Assessment Data, Wellbeing, and Supporting Students with AEN. The Board sends best wishes to all the staff and students over the coming year and in particular to our new Principal and Deputy Principal, Leona Harrington and Róisín Ní Dhonncha.

Principal's Report

1. Child Protection

The Principal presented the Child Protection Oversight Report.

2. Enrolment

We currently have an enrolment of 752 students.

3. New Teacher Induction

Congratulations to the "New" Teachers who are well inducted, having undertaken an induction from the Assistant Principal Team regarding Ethos, Technology to support Teaching and Learning, Code of Behaviour, and Policies and Practices at Le Chéile.

A particular thanks to Tony Lee, Le Chéile Schools Trust for leading our new teachers through the Le Chéile Trust Induction.

4. Belonging Plus

Congratulations to all 180 first year students on their successful participation in the Belonging Plus program to aid them in their transition from Primary School to Le Chéile Secondary School Students. Heartfelt thanks are due to all staff for facilitating this program and Ms Ní Dhonncha for coordinating.

5. iPad Deployment

The Board wishes to thank Mr Brian McCann, Ms Sarah Finnegan and Ms Margaret O'Shea for deploying iPads to first year students and setting them up with this innovative tool to assist them in their learning. An iPad Training evening for Parents of First Year Students will take place before October Midterm.

6. 21st Century Schools of Distinction Award 2018

The Board is delighted to receive the great news that Le Chéile has been awarded by the Trinity Access 21 team as a 'School of Distinction' for the second year running and extends its congratulations to all staff for their work. The Board wishes to thank in particular, Paul Kennedy, Brian McCann, Clodagh Carey, Dylan Kershaw, Niamh Coughlan, Leah Collins, Ciara Fitzpatrick and Fionnuala McKeown for their commitment to this project.

7. Music Grant

Le Chéile has been awarded a grant from the Music Network, to be spent on musical instruments for our extra-curricular music ensembles. The Board wishes to congratulate Mr Gerard Dunne for all his work to achieve this grant.

8. Global Passport Award

Congratulations to Mr Dylan Kershaw for his work in achieving the Global Passport Award, an EU recognized quality mark, which offers schools a framework to integrate Global Citizenship Education into their Teaching and Learning. Mr Kershaw was supported in this work by Dr Ciara Finnegan and Dr Grainne Leddy with this initiative. Thank you to all.

9. Irish Heart Foundation

The Board is delighted to hear that Dr Linda Callaghan completed a CPR4Schools Programme allowing her to train staff in CPR. The school has also received a Manikin Kit to aid this work. Well done to Dr Callaghan for providing this vital service to the school.

10. St Vincent de Paul

The Board wishes to thank the local conference of SVP for donating Back-to-School Packs for some of our students.

Upcoming Events:

18 th September	6 th Year Higher Options Conference
2 nd October	School Feast Day
3 rd October	Open Night for Incoming First Years
7 th October	School Closed
17 th – 18 th October	NAPD Conference

Meeting began at 7.00pm
Meeting concluded at 8.30pm

Dates for forthcoming meetings:

16th October 2019
27th November 2019
15th January 2020
26th February 2020
1st April 2020
20th May 2020