



# Le Chéile Secondary School, Tyrrelstown Board of Management

Agreed Report

15<sup>th</sup> January 2020

A meeting of the Board of Management of Le Chéile Secondary School took place in the school on Wednesday, January 15<sup>th</sup> 2020 at 7.00pm.

## **WSE-MLL Feedback:**

The Board wishes to congratulate the school community for the very positive feedback received from the Inspectorate after our recent WSE-MLL Inspection. In particular, the board wishes to thank all the staff who showed their commitment and dedication to the school, as always.

## **Posts of Responsibility:**

Congratulations to Sarah Finnegan and Kathryn O'Reilly on being appointed to the permanent posts of Assistant Principal I and Brian McCann appointed Assistant Principal I (Acting).

## **Special Needs Assistants:**

Congratulations to Linda Crilly, Caoilinn Brazil and Breda Carroll on their recent appointments as Special Needs Assistants here in Le Chéile Secondary School.

## **New Arrivals:**

Congratulations to Ann McHugh on the birth of her baby daughter.  
Congratulations to Fionnuala McKeown on the birth of her baby son.

## **Principal's Report**

### **1. Child Protection**

The Principal presented the Child Protection Oversight Report.

### **2. Auditors**

Walsh, O'Brien & Hartnett carried out an Audit of the Accounts for the Year September 2018 to August 2019 and have presented these accounts to the Board.

### **3. Parents Council AGM**

The Board wishes to thank all members of the Parents Council who have completed their registration process with the National Parents Council (Post-Primary).

### **4. Apple Distinguished Schools Conference**

The Board wishes to thank Leona Harrington, Róisín Ní Dhonncha and Margaret O'Shea for their participation in the Apple Distinguished Schools Conference. Congratulations to Mrs Harrington who presented to conference participants on the Le Chéile Learning Environment.

## **5. Per Cent for Art Grant**

Marie Hensey and Mark Ryan met with Leona Harrington and Erin O'Brien regarding their upcoming Artist Residency Programme. This will take place from the 9<sup>th</sup> to the 13<sup>th</sup> of March.

## **6. UCD Entrance Scholars Award**

Congratulations to Kacper Kluza (Class of 2019) who received an Entrance Scholars Award from UCD based on his Leaving Certificate results. Leona Harrington attend the awards ceremony recently in O'Reilly Hall and accepted a commemorative plaque on behalf of the school.

## **7. Scholars Ireland Program**

A group of students from TY and 5<sup>th</sup> Year are participating in the Scholars Programme as part of the Trinity Access Programme. They will enjoy an authentic experience of university being taught by PhD Tutors to studying undergraduate-style topics. Congratulations and thank you to Paul Kennedy and the CFES team for their work.

## **8. Christmas Exams**

The Board is delighted to hear that the Christmas House Examinations and Block Classes for 3<sup>rd</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Year students took place during the week of the 9<sup>th</sup> of December. Thank you to Margaret O'Shea for organising all aspects of the exams, and to all staff for their hard work correcting and reporting these examinations. Well done to all students!

## **9. Ice-Skating Trip**

The House of the Half-Term and any student who lost no points over the half-term were rewarded with an ice-skating trip on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> December. Thank you to Ciara Sheehan, Brian McCann, Irene Heavey, Paul Kennedy, Shane Byrne, Gerard Dunne and Linda Callaghan who accompanied the group.

## **10. House of Swag Showcase**

House of swag and the Le Chéile Students showcased their dance skills at a performance on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December. This was a culmination of lots of hard work over the term. The Primary Schools attended along with parents of the students involved in the initiative. Thank you to Erin O'Brien and her team of Positive Mental Health Ambassadors for co-ordinating this worthwhile and exciting project.

## **11. Christmas Market**

The school got into the festive spirit on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December with the Christmas Market. Under the guidance of Mr McCann students set up their mini-company stalls with students, teachers and parents eager to shop! This is a lovely event in our School Calendar, thank you to Mr McCann, Ms Collins and Ms Heavey for all the organisation.

## **12. Claddagh Christmas Party**

The annual Claddagh Christmas Party took place in the Claddagh. Staff, Cairde Claddagh and Claddagh students all attended. Thank you to Noel who dressed up as Santa for the occasion, Jamie (SNA) who provided the entertainment and Sean McNulty and the team of SNA's in the Claddagh organising the party.

### **13. Carol Service**

The week ended with our annual Carol Service. Parents and some past pupils were in attendance where Fr Eoin accepted the SVP Hampers which the students had been collecting for throughout December. Thank you to Margaret O' Shea for co-ordinating the SVP Appeal. Thank to Eoin Walshe, Gerard Dunne & Verna Barron for their efforts in making the Carol Service a wonderful event and thank you also to Margaret O' Shea for organising the service.

Following the Carol Service we had an assembly attended by the Parents Council who sponsored a number of selection boxes which were raffled as prizes for the students.

### **14. Science Week**

The Science Department organised a very successful Science Week (11<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> November). The included the showcasing of the SCIFEST projects and a visit from member of the Science faculty in TU Blanchardstown. Thanks to the Science team for all their hard work organising the weeks' events. Students went on to showcase at the SCIFEST finals in TU Blanchardstown on 14<sup>th</sup> November.

### **15. TU Blanchardstown Open-Day**

5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Year students, accompanied by Clodagh Carey attended the TU Blanchardstown Open Day.

### **16. Debating**

The school hosted its first debating competition on the 13<sup>th</sup> of November. The students were narrowly beaten after an excellent performance. Thank you to Jennifer Moynihan who is supporting the students.

### **17. 6<sup>th</sup> Year Information Evening**

A parent information evening was facilitated by Clodagh Carey on 18th November. The aim evening was to give parents an overview of the CAO application process and to clarify any questions they had. Thank you to Clodagh for organising the evening.

### **18. Climate Action Workshop**

Ciara Finnegan and the Green Schools Ambassadors attend a Climate Action workshop on the 20<sup>th</sup> of November. Congratulations on earning not one but two Green Flags for the school.

### **19. Romeo & Juliet Trip**

Third Year students attended a production of Romeo and Juliet on the 21<sup>st</sup> of November. Thank you to the English Department for organising the trip.

### **20. BT Young Scientist**

Le Chéile was represented by a group of three students, Emma Connolly, Abbey Cunningham and Kerry-Ann Walker at the BT Young Scientist Exhibition. Their project was entitled 'Are they listening to us?' Thank you and Congratulations to Dr. Ciara Finnegan who supported the students and spent the week in the RDS with them. The students had a visit from An Taoiseach, were interviewed by RTE and appeared in the Irish Independent newspaper.

## **21. Sporting Achievements**

Congratulations to Bryan Valenzuela in 5th year, has recently been selected for the Irish U17 Boys Basketball Team.

Congratulations to the U19 Girls Basketball Team on coming Second in the Dublin Schoolgirls Basketball League.

Congratulations to the U16 Girls Basketball Team on reaching the semi- final stages of the Dublin Schoolgirls Basketball League.

Congratulations to Zazanna Wawszczak-Salamonska (1<sup>st</sup> Year) on winning the Tae Kwan Do National Championships 2019.

### **Upcoming Events:**

20 <sup>th</sup> January	JCT Staff Training Day – School Closed to Students
25 <sup>th</sup> January	New Intake CAT Tests
29 <sup>th</sup> – 31 <sup>st</sup> January	School Musical – Back to the 80s
3 <sup>rd</sup> – 14 <sup>th</sup> February	Mock Examinations
13 <sup>th</sup> February	The Big Sleepover
17 <sup>th</sup> – 21 <sup>st</sup> February	Midterm Break – School Closed

Meeting began at 7.00pm

Meeting concluded at 9.00pm

### **Dates for forthcoming meetings:**

26<sup>th</sup> February 2020

1<sup>st</sup> April 2020

20<sup>th</sup> May 2020