



Le Chéile Secondary School, Tyrrelstown Board of Management

Agreed Report

8th May 2019

A meeting of the Board of Management of Le Chéile Secondary School took place in the school on Wednesday, May 8th 2019 at 7.00pm.

Present: Michael Denny (Chairperson), Áine Moran (Secretary), Leona Harrington (Recording Secretary), Anthony Hamilton, Brian McCann, Everistas Okafor, Margaret O'Shea

Apologies: Susan Bryson, Jenasky Cabrera, Ann Donnelly

1. Child Protection

The Principal presented the Child Protection Oversight Report.

2. Congratulations

The Board wishes to extend its heartfelt congratulations to Ms Aoife Bannon on the recent birth of her baby Zara, best wishes to all.

3. Allocation

We have received an allocation for 2019/20 of 50.25 whole time equivalent teachers.

4. Gaeltacht Trip

The Board is delighted to hear of the recent trip by the Irish Department with 1st and 2nd Years on a three day trip to the Gaeltacht in Rathcairn. Comhghairdeas libh. Go raibh maith agaibh a Ms Sophie Kavanagh, Ms Michaela McGee and Mrs Kathryn O'Reilly.

5. Co-Teaching

The Board wishes to thank Ms Fiona Byrne for organising the Co-Teaching Staff CPD on the 7th of May, and looks forward to this practice being built upon next year.

6. Transition Year

The Board wishes to thank and congratulate all members of staff who accompanied the TYs to the #livelife Mass in Knock Shrine commemorating Donal Walsh, having climbed Croagh Patrick the day before. Well Done to all.

The Board wishes to thank Ms Clodagh Carey for organising a visit for TYs to NUI Maynooth, and Mr Eoin Walshe, Ms Hannah McIlduff and Ms Margaret O'Shea for accompanying the students to BMS – the first school group to visit the pharmaceutical company nearby.

7. Wriggle Learning Showcase Event

The Board wishes to thank and congratulate all members of staff for facilitating the recent Wriggle Learning Event showcasing the use of technology here in Le Cheile Secondary School and in particular to Ms Margaret O'Shea for organising. The Board also wishes to express its heartfelt gratitude to Wriggle for their generous gift to the school of a Padcaster, which will assist us in further implementing our digital strategy.

8. Digital Schools Championship

The Board wishes to extend its sincere congratulations to Mr Peadar Harvey and Mr Paul Kennedy for once again leading the school in qualifying for the Digital School Championships Event. This year the school's Minecraft Edu Group have undertaken to build a Minecraft model of the school, which help new students to navigate their way around the building! Mr Paul Kennedy accompanied the four students to the Digital Champions competition in Google recently.

9. Junior Cycle Option Night

The Board wishes to commend all staff on their participation in the Junior Cycle Option Night which was held on the night of the 7th of May 2019 for first year students.

10. Junk Kouture

The Board congratulates Ms Aiste Doyle and her second year students, Wiktoria Kluza and Nicole Rosca, who attended the All-Ireland Finals in the Three Arena of Junk Kouture 2019.

11. Spanish Exchange Visit

The El Carmé School, from Lleida in Spain who have hosted us, again visited Le Chéile from April 2nd to 5th. Congratulations to Ms Mayra Nucifora, Ms Róisín Ní Dhonncha and all staff involved for your commitment and hard-work.

12. Erasmus 2018/19

The Board wishes to thank Dr Áine Moran, Ms Leah Collins, Ms Kathryn Scannell and Ms Clodagh Carey for travelling to Spain with a group of Le Chéile Students as part of the Erasmus Programme.

13. Per Cent for Art Grant

The Art Committee of Ms Erin O'Brien, Mrs Leona Harrington and Dr Moran have shortlisted finalists for the Per Cent for Art Grant and will further consider with student input which pieces to commission.

14. Literacy Week

Congratulations to the English Department for their exciting events for Literacy Week, such as Drop Everything and Read, Paired Reading with St Luke's Primary School Pupils, Speed Dating with Books, and Fighting Words Workshop, which took place from Monday 25th February to 1st March. This culminated in the Official Opening of the School Library where the school was joined by special guests Dr Eilis Humphries, Therese Davey and Fr Eoin Thynne. Congratulations and well done to Ms Nicola McCann and Mr Adrian Cooke for their work on the library, and to Ms Ann McHugh, Ms Lucy Walsh, Ms Kim Byrnes and Mr Brian McGrath for organising a very successful Literacy Week.

15. The Big Sing

The Board wishes to thank our Mr Gerald Dunne and Ms Verna Barron for preparing the school choir for the Big Sing with St Patrick's School in Corduff.

16. Well-Being Week

The Board wishes to congratulate and thank all the staff involved in running a very busy and diverse well-being week at Le Cheile. Thanks in particular to Ms Roisin Ni Dhonncha for organising and coordinating all events.

17. Enterprise Awards

Congratulations to the TY students and their teacher Ms Irene Heavey who competed in the Fingal Young Entrepreneur showcase in the Crowne Plaza Hotel.

18. Senior Trip to Berlin

The Board wishes to express its sincere thanks to Mr Shane Byrne Mr Brian McCann, Ms Róisín Ní Dhonncha, Ms Hannah McIlduff and Ms Margaret O'Shea for accompanying 45 students to Berlin for a four day trip. It was a great learning experience for all, and one that will provide lasting memories for all involved. Thanks, in particular, to Ms Margaret O'Shea for organising the trip.

19. Fundraising for Defibrillator

Mr Paul Kennedy identified a need arising out of our Health and Safety audit for a defibrillator in the school. He, then, set about organising a fundraiser for such and the Board wish to express their deep gratitude to him for this and for all who helped him. The Board is delighted that the fundraising target of €3000 was surpassed and that an enjoyable day was had by all in raising funds for a vital piece of equipment for the school.

20. Talent Show

Le Chéile has definitely got talent, not only in the organisers of this event Mr Jamie Stears and Ms Hannah McIlduff, who organised a great event where numerous students showcased their various talents. Well done to all who participated.

21. TIMSS Testing

The Board wishes to thank Mrs Leona Harrington for organising for Rang Nelson Mandela 2 to participate in the Trends in International Mathematics and Science Study.

22. Sporting Le Chéile

Congratulations to the First Year Boys who won the Dublin FAI Football Tournament. This is the first silverware our footballers have won and is thanks to the hardwork and commitment of the players themselves and in particular the staff who support and train them, Mr Gordon Park and Mr John Butler. Well done.

Upcoming Events:

13 th – 17 th May	Active Schools Week
17 th May	Sports Day
21 st May	TY Graduation
23 rd May	Leaving Certificate Graduation
24 th May	Awards Ceremony
27 th – 31 st May	House Examinations
5 th – 24 th June	Junior and Leaving Certificate State Examinations

Meeting began at 7.00pm
Meeting concluded at 8.45pm

Dates for forthcoming meetings:

12th June 2019