



Le Chéile Secondary School, Tyrrelstown Board of Management

Agreed Report

23rd May 2018

A meeting of the Board of Management of Le Chéile Secondary School took place in the school on Wednesday, May 23rd 2018 at 7.00pm.

Present: Michael Denny (Chairperson), Áine Moran (Secretary), Susan Bryson, Jenasky Cabrera, Anthony Hamilton, Brian McCann, Margaret O'Shea

Apologies: Mary Meaney, Everistas Okafor

Matters Arising:

Official Opening:

Congratulations were expressed to all staff on the occasion of the Official Opening of the School and its success. It was noted that this success was in no small part due to the very hard work put in by all staff in preparation for the occasion and on the day. Special thanks were given to Margaret O'Shea, Eoin Walshe, Gerard Dunne, Anthony Gainley, Paul Kennedy, Erin O'Brien, Sarah Bracken, Elaine Cowley and Fionnuala McKeown for their tireless work in preparation for the opening.

Archbishop Diarmuid celebrated the Mass and An Taoiseach Leo Varadkar officially opened the school.

Staff CPD:

The Staff CPD policy will be circulated to all staff.

SPHE Policy:

The SPHE Policy was ratified by the Board of Management on the 23rd May 2018 and is effective from this date.

Principal's Report

1. Child Protection

The Principal presented the Child Protection Oversight Report.

2. SNA Allocation

The school has received an allocation of 7.5 SNAs for the coming year 2018/2019. Congratulations to all on the application for such.

3. GDPR

Dr Moran has attended GDPR training hosted by Legal Island on the upcoming legislative changes to Data Protection in the EU. Information regarding the GDPR roles and

responsibilities has been disseminated to all staff. Further training for all staff will be provided in September.

4. Staffing

A teacher has been redeployed to the school. 24 further vacancies for the year 2018/2019 have been advertised.

5. ASD Unit

The ASD Unit will open for the 2018/2019 academic year and will be known as “The Claddagh”. Congratulations and thanks were expressed by the Board for the hardwork and determination of staff in arriving at this point. The Admissions Policy is ratified today, 23rd May 2018, to include the Claddagh.

6. Science Inspection

The final report was received from the DES Inspectorate on the recent Science inspection. The Board wish to thank and congratulate the Science Department for their hard work and commitment. Well Done to all.

7. Curriculum Development

- It has been decided to trial one hour lessons for the academic year 2018/2019.
- ‘Blue Sky Modules’ will run on Monday mornings for one hour. This will allow for greater cross-curricular links to be developed across departments.
- As the school has been awarded funding from the STEM School Excellence Fund, it is hoped to use this to launch our STEAM Academy and to build relationships with the local community – especially the engineering and pharmaceutical industries locally.

8. Emmanuel Concert

Following the postponement of the original concert at the Helix, due to the snow, five soloists performed at the rescheduled Emmanuel Concert. Congratulations to the Music Department and well done to all who took part.

9. Green School

The school has been awarded its second Green Flag, following a successful application and inspection. Congratulations to Dr Finnegan and the Green Team who received this at a ceremony yesterday.

10. Posts of Responsibility

The review of the leadership and management needs of the school has now concluded. The Board wishes to thank all staff for their engagement with this process and those who formed the review committee for their service.

Applications will, thus, be invited for the five available positions of Assistant Principal, Grade II.

These will be advertised tomorrow – 24th May 2018 and the deadline for receipt of application will be 12pm on the 8th of June 2018, and interviews scheduled to take place on Monday, June 11th.

11. Sports Day

The annual sports day took place on May 18th and was extremely successful. Congratulations to all the competitors and to the PE Department for their organisation and hard work.

12. Rugby Achievements

Congratulations were expressed to the 1st Year Rugby Team, who were crowned “The 1st year Fingal 7s Champions” this season.

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Finance Report:

- The Finance Sub-Committee, having met and analysed the Finance Report propose to remove the voluntary contribution.
- It is also proposed to set the administration fee for 2018/2019 at €100. This incorporates Lockers, School Journal, Photocopying, Administration of VSWare messaging and Buses to Sports Events. This proposal has been approved by the Board.

Upcoming Events:

25 May	Awards Day
28 May – 1 June	End of Year House Examinations
30 May	TY Graduation Evening
6 June – 22 June	State Examinations – Junior Certificate Examinations

Meeting began at 7.00pm

Meeting concluded at 9.00pm

Dates for forthcoming meetings:

12th September 2018