



## Le Chéile Secondary School, Tyrrelstown Board of Management

Agreed Report

11<sup>th</sup> April 2018

A meeting of the Board of Management of Le Chéile Secondary School took place in the school on Wednesday, February 6<sup>th</sup> 2017 at 7.00pm.

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

**Apologies:** Jenasky Cabrera, Mary Meaney

### **Expression of Thanks:**

Dr Moran expressed thanks to the Board during her recent illness.

Gratitude was also expressed to Edmund Rice College for their generous gift to the school on the occasion of the official opening.

### **Principal's Report**

#### **1. Postponed Official Opening:**

Due to the inclement weather in early March, the official opening of the school has been postponed until May 14. Mass will be celebrated at 10am by Archbishop Diarmuid Martin, following which An Taoiseach Leo Varadkar will officially open the school.

#### **2. Staff CPD**

- All staff completed the PDST Child Protection Online Course. Staff will complete the TUSLA Course together in order to facilitate group discussion
- Congratulations were expressed to Sarah Finnegan, Nicola Molloy and Margaret O'Shea who graduated recently from the Le Cheile Schools Trust Middle Leadership Course
- Laura Cahill, Niamh Fox and Roisin Ni Dhonncha recently participated in JCT Modern Foreign Languages Seminar
- Anthony Gainley and Peadar Harvey continue their CPD in Coding

#### **3. CESI Conference**

Congratulations were expressed to Kathryn Scannell and to Peadar Harvey on their recent presentations at the CESI Conference.

#### **4. Education Expo at RDS**

The Board wishes to thank all staff for their contribution to the recent expo at the RDS, and in particular to Kathryn Scannell for her presentation on behalf of the

school. Thanks also were expressed to Margaret O'Shea for hosting the Le Cheile Stand at the Expo.

**5. RTAI Conference**

Congratulations were expressed to Eoin Walshe on his recent presentation to Religious Education teachers.

**6. Science Inspection**

The Board wish to express great gratitude to the Science Department for all their recent hardwork and to congratulate them on their recent inspection.

**7. Digital Schools Champions**

Congratulations were expressed to Anthony Gainley and TY students Daniel Bandi, Gabriele Birbalaite, Veronica Ilnitska and Sanju Sudhagaran on their development of a Digital School Noticeboard project, for which they have been awarded Digital School Champions.

**8. Physical Education – Leaving Certificate Subject:**

Michelle Muldoon and Deirdre Keane attended the launch of the Leaving Certificate Physical Education Course.

Gordon Park and Aine Moran attended the launch of the Senior Cycle Physical Education Framework. The Board is delighted that Le Chéile Secondary was accepted as a pilot school for both programmes.

**9. Le Chéile Big Sleepover**

The Annual Big Sleepover by second year students in aid of the Peter McVerry Trust was held on February 8<sup>th</sup>. Food was prepared and delivered to a city centre soup run, and more than €2000 was raised for the Peter McVerry Trust. Congratulations to all involved.

**10. Junk Kouture**

The Board wished to congratulate Wiktorija Kluza and Guilia Covaci Ferencz and Ms Aiste Doyle for their recent success at Junk Kouture, where they came first on the online voting prior to the Dublin Final, during which they modelled their creation in the Helix Theatre.

**11. Green Schools Inspection**

The school was inspected for its second Green Flag on the 16<sup>th</sup> of March. The Board wishes to express its congratulations and appreciation to Ciara Finnegan and the Green School Committee for all their hard work.

**12. RTE Mass**

The students of Le Chéile Secondary School and Mgr Eoin Thynne led the celebration of Mass from the RTE studios recently. The Board wishes to congratulate all and thank you for your hard work.

### **13. Posts of Responsibility**

The current review of Posts of Responsibility is still undergoing. Leadership needs have been prioritised and linked to the domains from *Looking at Our Schools*. The Board expresses its gratitude to the review committee for their hard work.

### **14. Literary Week**

The Board wishes to thank the English Department for a very successful Literacy week, during which events such as Drop Everything and Read, Speed Dating with Books, Romeo and Juliet Trip, a presentation from David Jones author, and paired reading with St Lukes Primary School took place. Well done to all involved.

### **15. Seachtain na Gaelige**

Another very successful SNAG was held this year. The highlights included Focal Factor a spelling competition, the céile mór and pop up Gaeltachts. Well done to the Irish Department. Comghairdeas libh!

### **16. Inter-School Debating Competition**

Ms. Amy McGrath ran an inter school debating completion between Le Chéile Secondary School and Edmund Rice College on March 20th. The Motion on the night was "The internet is a great leap forward for human civilisation and a powerful force for good in the world. Congratulations were expressed to Edmund Rice College, who were successful on the night. Thanks to Amy McGrath for organising.

### **17. Parent-Teacher Meetings**

The Parent Teacher meeting for 2nd Year Students was held on the 22nd of February. There was an 73% attendance at this meeting. The 1st Year Parent Teacher meeting was held on the 14th of March. There was an 86% attendance at this meeting.

### **18. Assessment**

The music practicals are currently being held in the school. Home Economics practical will take place next week and the Art practical later in April. The classroom based assessments in English, Business Studies and Science are taking place currently for 2nd years.

### **19. Junior Cycle Profile of Achievement**

TY and 5th students were presented with their Junior Cycle Profile of Achievement (JCPA) certificates by Mrs Harrington. These detail all the activities – academic and non-academic – that students have been involved in during their Junior Cycle Programme and demonstrate the wide variety of opportunities available here at Le Chéile Secondary School. Congratulations to all.

### **20. French School Visit**

On April 10<sup>th</sup> we welcomed a school from Thionville in France, near Luxembourg who wanted to see what a real life Irish secondary school looks like while they are on a school trip to Ireland! They were a 39 students aged 17-19 years old and 3 teachers. The 5<sup>th</sup> year French class and Ms. Cahill were delighted to host the group.

## 21. Film Festival

Congratulations to Ms Sarah Bracken and a group of TY students on reaching the All-Ireland final in the Fresh Film competition. Since opening, Le Chéile Secondary School has reached the final each year. Well done to all.

## 22. Fingal Enterprise Awards

Le Cheile Secondary School were 1<sup>st</sup> Runners-Up in the Fingal Enterprise Awards for a business based on the manufacturer and sale of speakers. Congratulations and thanks are expressed to Mr Brian McCann and TY Students Sanju Sudhagaran and David John Pasalica on this achievement.

## 23. Sporting Achievements

- First year Boys Basketball will play in the semi-final in the coming days. 2<sup>nd</sup> year boys will play for 3rd/4th place in the Dublin League and are through to the All-Ireland finals.
- 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> year girls basketball won five out of their six matches and made it to the play offs.
- The U- 15 Soccer team will play in the semi-final of the FAI Dublin C Division.
- The U-17 soccer team are still competing in the Dublin League, Leinster Cup and Shield.
- Congratulations to Efrem Gidey on his Gold Medal win at the Schools All-Ireland Cross Country. Fingal Co. Council held a Civic Reception to celebrate Efrem's success which we were delighted to attend.
- Bryan Valenzuela (2<sup>nd</sup> year) has been selected to train with the Irish U-15 Academy team.
- Sean Farrell has signed with League of Ireland club Shelbourne U-15 as their main goalkeeper.
- Wayne Dunne (TY) competed in the final of the All Ireland darts competition in Ennis on the 1st weekend in March.
- 50 students and teachers attended the Bohemian V. St. Patrick's Athletic on Friday 6th March where among others they met President Michael D Higgins.
- The Six Nations Cup and Triple Crown plate visited the school yesterday in recognition of the achievements of Le Chéile's Rugby team (even in its first year in school). Well done to all involved.

## Upcoming Events

14 April – 18 April	Senior Cycle Pilgrimage to Rome
19 April	Spanish Students Visit
25 April	2 <sup>nd</sup> Year Subject Choice Evening
30 April – 4 May	International Week
2 May	Emmanuel Concert – Helix Theatre
4 May	School Closed
14 May	Official Opening of School
18 May	Sports Day
24 May	TY Graduation

25 May                      Awards Day  
28 May – 1 June          End of Year House Examinations

Meeting Concluded 9.30pm

**Dates for forthcoming meetings:**

16<sup>th</sup> May 2018