



Parents Association of Community and Comprehensive Schools

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Our Role

Bring concerns of parents to :

- NPCpp
- ACCS
- Unions
- State Exams Commission
- Dept of Education and Science



25th Anniversary of PACCS..

- Dublin:* Grace Mooney, Teresa McSweeney, Teresa Byrne, Donal Smyth.
- South East:* Margaret Molloy.
- North East:* Carole Trodden, Margaret Moore.
- Southern:* Maria Buckley, Antoinette Moynihan.
- Mid West:* Marion Gilligan, Anne Leamy, Catherine Sides, Leona McCormack, Tommy Walshe.
- West:* Breda Hanley.
- North West:* Work in progress.



Education Act.

The board shall promote contact between the school, parents/ guardians of students in that school and the community and shall facilitate and give all reasonable assistance to parents/ guardians who wish to establish a parents' association and to a parents' association when it is established.



European Parents Association. (EPA)

- Parents have the right to full access to the formal education system for their children on the basis of their needs, talents, and merits. Parents have the duty to commit themselves as partners in education to the school of their children.



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- Parents have the right to respect from the formal education system for the spiritual and cultural background of the education they give their children
- Parents have the right to exert influence on the policy which their children's school implements.
- Parents have the duty to be personally committed to their children's schools as a vital part of the local community.



Why Do We Need a Parents Association ?

It gives parents at local and national level an opportunity to voice their opinions and ideas on the very important subject of education for their children



The Practical Possibilities of a Parents Association

As a member of a Parents Association parents will get to know more about the school:

- the people working in the school
- the everyday schedule
- staffing difficulties - availability
- the curriculum possibilities
- funding
- the extra needs



The Practical Possibilities of a Parents Association

Find practical ways to co-operate and support the work done by the teachers

- Transition Year
- Homework
- Concerts
- Sporting events



The Practical Possibilities of a Parents Association

Organising events for parents Information

- Transition Year information evening
- Curricular offered
- Drug and drink abuse
- Study



The Practical Possibilities of a Parents Association

Organising events for parents Information

- Bullying - school policy and procedures
- School behaviour- uniform, smoking, vandalising, stealing, attendance, timekeeping,
- Extra curricular activities
- sports - sport facilities
- Funding



The Practical Possibilities of a Parents Association

Organising parent/teacher, teacher/student, parent/student/teacher etc, social events such as;

- Competitions
- Socials
- Quizzes
- Special Masses/Religious Services
- Exhibitions - Local industries and transition year efforts



The Practical Possibilities of a Parents Association

Organising extra facilities;

- Book Rental Scheme
- School Support Bus
- Library - Funding
- Computers
- Optional student insurance



What Parents Can Do

- Organising of Debs Dance
- Parent support at parent teacher meetings
- Pupil support for new students who's English may not be good.
- Organising talks for parents
- Organising coffee mornings so that parents can meet each other and discuss important issues in a non formal way. Could then be followed up at Parent Council



Parent Responsibilities

Encourage excellent attendance

Supporting school work

Attending parent-teacher meetings

Checking homework/journal

Providing required text books/accessories

Supporting school policies

Willingness to participate in school life



Student responsibilities

Treating all with respect

Punctuality

Completing homework

Working hard

Attending regularly

Uniform

These goals have to be communicated?



Partnership: Students

Students Council

Mentoring, Meitheal, Gluais, Buddy

Assist with development of Extra-curricular activity programme

Development on school policy matters

Pride in self, school, community

Community involvement

Spirit of vounteerism...voice...training...consult



Partnership: Staff

Carry out the instructions of the Principal

Assist students achieve potential

Board of Management

Staff Advisory Committee (C & C)

Accountability: Reporting/Assessing & Communications

Co-operate with all the partners

Parent/Teacher & Open events

Adhere to agreed grievance/complaints procedures with management, students, parents



Thank You and Safe Home