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Parents Exercising Leadership in Education.

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Leadership versus understanding and the long term goals,
Getting involved, unity and purpose,
Role and view in partnership, We all have a role together and should have a willingness to get involved.
Importance on drawing on the leadership of others and influencing change.

Students will benefit more from larger group involvement, encourage others to get involved.
Do not be put off by other factors or dominant forces within organizations.

Importance of

- Co - Operation at local level with the Board of Management.
- Sharing of power,
- Empowerment,
- Communication,
- Reflection and experimentation.

Openness',

- have a firm believe in ones own values,
- Open to new ideas and respect the opinion of others.
- Be aware that you are dealing with an informed group of people,

Welcome and be open.

- Are you a leader or a follower?
- Partnership, Accountability and transparency,
- Ensure parents have access to records,
- you don't always get what you are entitled to as a group or organization.

Role of Board,

- Closer contact,
- Any policy and development within the school, the parent body has a right to information and be involved within reason.
- Partnership, let it be real.
- Communication is central for our way forward.
- Importance of passing on information.

Skills,

Group work approach, involving others, a good work relationship, Respect and understanding everyone should be included and involved.

Overcoming obstacles, Reassurance, everybody has something to offer no matter how small,

How to access information.

Low self esteem, No one has the right to undermine the knowledge of others.

Resistance to change,

Importance of boundaries,

P.A. Should not be about Fundraising.

Styles have to change, be open to that change.

Speak well and take pride in your School, lobby well on behalf of your school.

Hear what other parents are saying

The success of the School parents body is down to the relationship and communication of parents.

Don't sit there and say its a closed shop!

**Go and open that Shop you owe it to yourself and others.
Except your children for what they are and enjoy them.**

This was an informative broad based talk encouraging involvement at all levels and not to be afraid of change or speaking out.