



Parents Association of Community and Comprehensive Schools



PACCS

PACCS is a Voluntary Body.

How is PACCS funded.

National Parents Council post primary (NPCpp)

Post Primary Education Forum (PPEF)



Meetings

Management Body

ACCS

Teacher Unions

TUI and ASTI

Department of Education

State Examinations Commission



Why Have 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

Bullying

Study



The Practical Possibilities of a Parents Association

Organising parent / teacher, teacher / student,

Parent / student / teacher etc, social events such as;

Competitions

Socials

Quizzes

Exhibitions - Local industries and transition year efforts



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- a tea and biscuit making committee.
- solely a fund-raising organisation.



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?



Effective Meetings

Effective meetings have the following characteristics:

- All parties are well-prepared.
- All documentation for discussion is sent out in advance and read by all participants.
- Everyone is aware of the need, purpose and objectives of the meeting.
- Meetings start on time and keep to an agenda.
- The meeting is efficiently managed by the Chairperson.



Role of Officers

The **Chairperson** is responsible for the conduct of meetings;

- let all viewpoints be heard
- Where a matter is put to a vote the chairperson has a second and casting vote in the event of a tie.

The **Vice-Chairperson** takes over the chairpersons duties if the chairperson is not available.



Role of Officers

The **Secretary** records the minutes;

informs the membership of forthcoming meetings and agenda for same;

writes and receives correspondence on behalf of the association and

brings all correspondence to the notice of the members



Role of Officers

The **Treasurer** opens and operates a bank account on behalf of the Association;

- is responsible for all money received;
- prepares a statement of accounts for each meeting
- prepares and presents an annual account at AGM.



Role of Officers

The **PRO** is responsible, on behalf of the Association,
for liaison with the media,
the local community and other schools in the area.



Sample Agenda

Saturday 6th March 2009

1. Minutes of Previous meeting
2. Matters arising from minutes
3. Correspondence received
4. Treasurers Report
5. Public Relations' Officer Report
6. Main Business for discussion
7. Any other Business
8. Date and venue for next meeting.



Constitution

SAMPLE PARENTS COUNCIL CONSTITUTION



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Thank you