



## Cork Educate Together Secondary School Parents Council Meeting Minutes

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**Date:** Tuesday January 10, 2016  
**Meeting:** CETSS PC2  
**Venue:** Blackrock Castle Observatory  
**Time:** 19.00

**Attendees:**

Katarzyna Pyrz, Clair McSweeney, Maria O'Sullivan, Sue Fiessler, Colm O'Connor, Joe Feller, Darragh O'Riordan, Jane Maher Loughnan, Michael Deeney, Denise Isaque, Kathy O'Dwyer, Jon Isaque

**Apologies:**

Federica Palma, Joy O Callaghan, Lucie Hrusova

Item	Detail	Notes
Minutes	Summary of December 2016 meeting	<b>Schoology</b> Parental access code: Issues – who owns the data?– to which extent the access should be given? Certain level of data will be viewable Data Protection Policy must be completed first
CETSS policy review group	Child Policy reviewed (Denise) Colour coding (to	In connection with the Educate Together ethos Do not impose too much rules on reviewing Jon to collate responses Pipeline - Principal → PC & Students Councils → BOM
Lobbying for a school site	Interim BOM – not legal entity until October – now more power and recognition	Nemo Rangers – proposal for an interim site ( from September 2017) Forward Planning Unit – very difficult to work with School wrote a Department of Education Forward Planning Unit– no reply  Next step – communicating directly with the Department of Education– formal decision for this to be made at the BOM mtg  Tramore House –this option is out  Deadline in late April 2017 to secure NEMO as a site as - It takes 5 months to put broadband to a school
Group work	1. Constitution	PC CETSS Constitution has been completed and ratified by a vote of 10 parents during the meeting. Thanks were extended to the working group for their time and dedication to this governance item.



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	<p>2. Academic Interest Group / STEAM</p> <p>3. Reach Out Group (did not take place)</p>	<p>Jerrienne to engage with PC on how all the school bodies work together</p> <p>Primarily STEAM e-mail group as for the moment Some events planned and proposed: National Science Week BT Young Scientist Engineering Week</p> <p>Other Proposals: Dawn loaning 3D printer CIT will develop a 7 week short course 'Build a Game' with the students based on the theme of sustainability Multilingual Café (Sue) Philosophy Course</p> <p>Adjourned til next PC meeting</p>
Grass-roots ideas - CETSS Library		Jorge, Denise – coordinating the bookshelf initiatives, also with Ruth Joe will look into domains of e-books to share
Current issues Homework?		<p>Homework - quantity or quality may be an issue for some children- every child is different and his/hers needs should be considered on individual basis – parents need to contact specific teachers Other parents expressed that there were no current issues with quantity or quality of homework</p> <p>Homework policy – Jerrieann and Ruth working on it.</p> <p>Pam – organising a 6 week mentoring programme for students around issues with homework (OK)</p> <p>Co-treasurer elected – Darragh O’Riordan</p> <p>Follow-up Parent Teacher meetings requested – parents advised to contact teachers directly and arrange meetings</p> <p>Next meeting – Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> February</p>
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### ACTION POINTS:

#### OUTSTANDING

- Transport Issues – Jon to liaise with other ET PCs
- Parental codes to Schoology – David
- FAQ sheet on Schoology – David (Colm to remind him)

#### CURRENT

- Transport Issues - Colm will share with the PC contact details of a parent effectively lobbying the department
- Recruit more members to the CETSS Policies Working Group – Jon to send an email to all parents
- Lobbying: (Led by the school)
  - 1<sup>st</sup> step – Eric (BOM) to prepare and send a formal letter to the Department of Education requesting a decision on Nemo Rangers
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> step – Colm will e-mail current and prospective parents asking to use their signatures under a group letter to the department for the same issue
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> step - Individual families sending letters to politicians and the department
  - Option – Students get involved. Post card designed by the students suggested as a comms technique
- Colm to report regularly to parents via e-mails regarding the progress with the site
- Jon to formally apply to the National Parents' Council for affiliation of our PC
- CETSS Decision-making Structure to be created. Action for Colm
- Academic Group
  - Clair will create a Calendar of STEAM Events for the school.
- **Actioned** - sent to Siobhan POC for STEAM group
  - Mike will e-mail his proposals to all interested parents and teachers
- CETSS Library –Denise to send an invitation to the Students Assembly Council to work together on this. This happening
- Jerrienne to engage with PC on how and other bodies of the school work together
- Homework Policy –Jerrienne and Ruth working on it (to be reviewed by Policy Review Group).