



# Welcome St Louis CS Parents

Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2014

# An Evening for Parents Programme

- ▶ **St Louis CS Parents' Association AGM**
  - ▶ Chairperson's Presentation
  - ▶ Adoption of Constitution
  - ▶ Committee nominations
- ▶ **Launch of St Louis CS App with Cahil Doherty, Principal**
- ▶ **Interval**
  - ▶ Student's Musical Performance
  - ▶ Refreshments
- ▶ **Talk on *Stress Management* with Dr Gerry O'Farrell**

# St Louis CS Parents' Association AGM

## What is the purpose of the Parents Association?

- ▶ To provide a structure through which the parents and guardians of St Louis Community School can work together and in collaboration with School Management, to ensure the best possible education for all children.

## Who is a member of the Parents Association?

- ▶ All parents and guardians of students attending St. Louis Community School have automatic membership of the Association:
  - ▶ The parent body is the Parents' Association
  - ▶ The Committee is elected by the Parents' Association membership at an AGM
  - ▶ The Executive Officers (Chair, Secretary, Treasurer) are elected by the Committee

## What is the role of the Committee?

- ▶ To represent the parent body and to manage the business of the Parents' Association in accordance with the Constitution.
- ▶ The Association will not involve itself in representation on matters involving individual students or matters relating to the internal administration of the school.

# St Louis CS Parents' Association

## 2012 - 2014

- ▶ Parents Association reconvened at the end of 2012
- ▶ Current Committee was elected at AGM Feb 2013
- ▶ There are 15 elected members
- ▶ The Parents' Nominees to the Board of Management are automatic members of the Committee
- ▶ Principal and Deputy Principal are invited to attend meetings
- ▶ Committee serves a two year term
- ▶ Committee meets at least 4 times per year
- ▶ Meetings usually last one hour
- ▶ 2014 - 2015 sees appointment of new Committee

# Financial Statement 2014

Date	Item	Credit	Debit
07/02/14	Bank Account Opened	1091.33	
21/03/14	Fees		8.85
24/03/14	Bus for Table Tennis		200.00
26/03/14	Government Duty		25.00
07/05/14	Our Schools Got Talent refund		100.00
	Giant Easter Egg		50.00
27/06/14	Fees		6.95
20/10/14	Proceeds of Raffle	110.00	
20/10/14	<b>Balance</b>	<b>810.53</b>	

# Parent Representation & Achievements

- ▶ Represented Parent Body with regard to Dept. of Education & Skills Inspectorate 2012 Whole School Evaluation: Management, Leadership & Learning
- ▶ Undertook National Parents Council- Post Primary (NPC-PP) training for PA Committee members
- ▶ Established a presence on school website
- ▶ Established connection with Student Council
- ▶ Organised parents to assist school with supervision of rehearsals and performances of *Mama Mia* 2013
- ▶ Organised Anti-Bullying Training for parents
- ▶ Undertook fundraising activities in aid of the Parents' Association and the school Wi-Fi infrastructure

- ▶ Contributed to the cost of sending Table Tennis team to France
- ▶ Represented parents on research Focus Groups:
  - ▶ Dept. of Health/NUIG - Health Behaviour in School-aged Children
  - ▶ Dept. of Education & Skills - National Digital Strategy for Schools
- ▶ Contributed to development of School's Mission Statement
- ▶ Had an advisory role with regard to development of:
  - ▶ Mobile Phone Policy
  - ▶ Guidance Policy
- ▶ Developed a draft Constitution for the Association

# The St Louis CS Parents' Association Constitution

- ▶ The Committee has researched & drafted a Constitution to outline and govern the operation of the Association and Committee
- ▶ The development of the Constitution was a collaborative process which took about a year to complete
- ▶ The NPC-PP played an advisory role in the development of the Constitution
- ▶ Not set in stone - the Constitution can be reviewed, evaluated and revised
- ▶ Parents were notified by letter on Oct 9<sup>th</sup> of forthcoming AGM and the availability of draft Constitution for viewing:
  - ▶ [www.stlouiscs.com](http://www.stlouiscs.com)
  - ▶ School Office
- ▶ Parents invited to comment by email - none received
- ▶ Motions are invited for the adoption of the Constitution



# Aims

## 2014 - 2016

- ▶ Continue to represent parents for the benefit of ALL children in the school
- ▶ Continue to raise the profile of the Parents' Association within the school community and encourage more parents to get involved
- ▶ To assist the school with achieving their aims as per the School Mission Statement
- ▶ To work in close collaboration with the Principal and Deputy Principal to achieve further integration of the Parents' Association into the school community
- ▶ Assist the school with an integrated approach to fundraising
- ▶ To work with teachers and students to explore possibilities around reducing the weight of school bags

# Parents' Association Committee

## 2014 - 2016

### Why get involved?

- ▶ To help promote the role of parents as prime educators of their children and partners in the delivery of their education
- ▶ The school (and therefore our children) will benefit from including the perspective of parents on a variety of issues and school activities
- ▶ To meet new people and make new friends
- ▶ To continue to ensure that St Louis CS is one of the best schools in the country

### What will be expected of you?

- ▶ To attend 4 - 6 meetings per year
- ▶ Contribute your opinion as a parent/guardian on agenda items
- ▶ Use your life experience, knowledge and skills for the benefit of the school

# Thank you!

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