



Parents' Nominees to Scoil Chaitriona Snr.

Board of Management

Welcome to our School

What is the Board of Management?

- A team to manage the school for the benefit of the children and their parents.
- On behalf of the patron.
- Made up of representatives of the parents, teachers, the patron and also community representatives with particular interest/expertise.

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What is the Board of Management?

- The BoM provides leadership.
- It ensures effective management of school.
- Works under an agreed school budget to provide a framework of accountability.
- All 8 members = 1 unit. A corporate body.
- There is no individual representation within Board.

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Responsibilities of the Board

(among other things)

- Ensure the quality of pupil learning.
- Ensure quality of teaching.
- Recruitment of staff.
- Develop and review school plan.
- Develop and review school policies.



Our School

Responsibilities of the Board

to the Patron, the Trustees and Dept. of Education:

- Make available any reports and financial returns they may require.



S. 14(7) Education Act, 1998

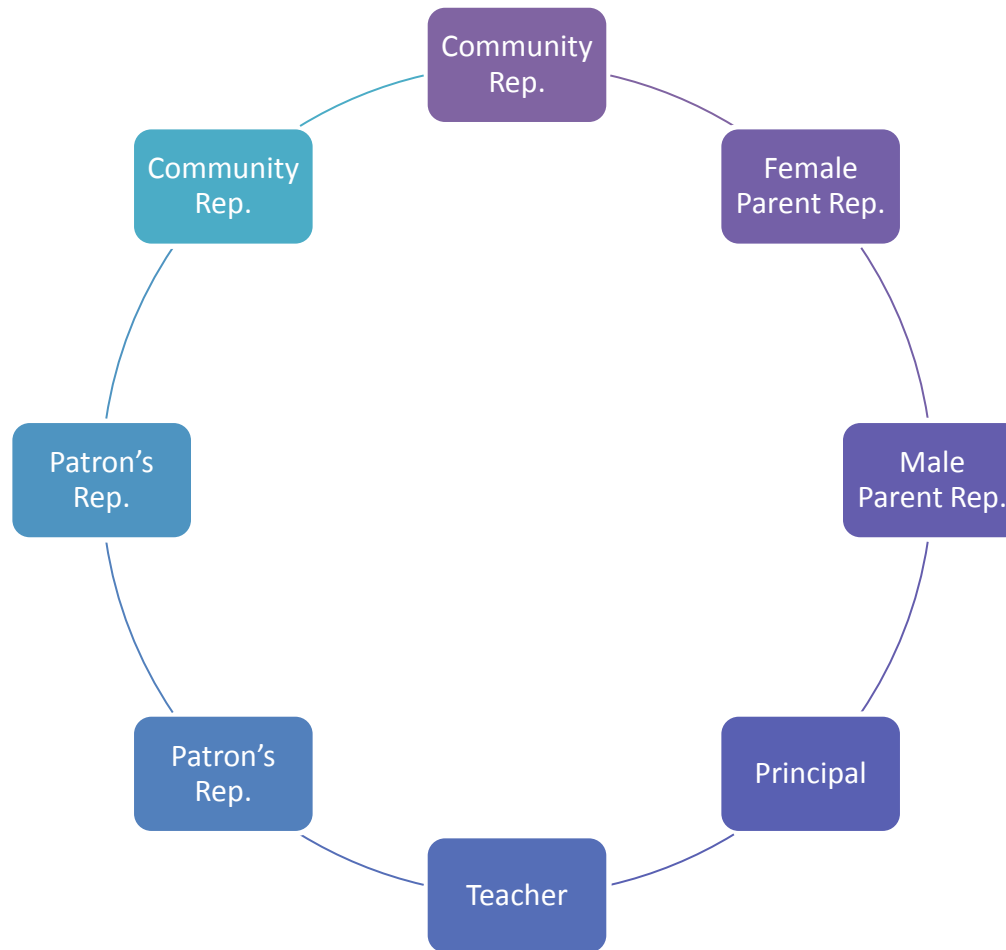
- The Board + individual members = working as one corporate body.
- Individuals are indemnified for any claims made against them.
- “...no action shall lie against a member...”



S. 15(2) Education Act, 1998

- “A Board shall...*uphold*, and be accountable to the Patron(Bishop) for so upholding, the *characteristic spirit* of the school as determined by the cultural, educational, moral, religious, social, linguistic and spiritual *values and traditions* ...of the school.”

Composition of the Board of Management



Process

- Patron nominates the Chairperson of BoM.
- Chairperson selects the 2nd nominee for Patron.
- Principal: automatically a member.
- Teachers elect a representative.
- Parents elect two reps; 1 mother, 1 father.
- These 6 members select 2 agreed Community Reps. To be independent of the other categories.



Election of Parents' Representatives

- They are not on the Board to represent parents.
- They are there as representatives OF parents.
- These two parents are full members of the board.
- Their role: to bring parental perspective on all issues.



Officers of the Board

- Chairperson
- Treasurer
- Recording Secretary



Frequently asked questions

- Am I responsible for solving parents' problems?

The Board as a group has a responsibility to address any issue raised by parents; you have no more responsibility in this regard than any other member of the Board. The Board must respond to all queries or complaints.

F.A.Q.

- Am I supposed to pass on information?

At the end of each meeting the Board will agree a report, the contents of which may be passed onto enquiring interested parties.

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- Does my position on the Board equate with all other members?

Yes. The Chairperson has the casting vote in the event of a tie but in all other ways you are all equal members of the Board.

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- What should I do if I don't understand what is being said at a meeting?

As you have the same responsibility as all other members of the Board you should ask for clarification on anything you don't understand.

Thank you for listening!



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