

## **Constitution for Nenagh College Parents' Council**

### **Name**

This body shall be known as The Nenagh College Parents' Council.

### **Aims**

The aims of the Council shall include:

- The promotion of the educational, general welfare and social interests of the pupils within the schools' ethos.
- Helping the pupils and staff of the school in a collaborative and supportive manner.
- Vindicating the right of parents to consultation on school policy and information on government educational policy.
- Keeping the parents/guardians of pupils attending the school informed on issues in the school and current educational trends.
- Acting in an advisory role representing the views of parents on school policies and activities. (No criticism of any individual shall be aired at a Parents' Council meeting without that person being present and /or represented)
- Helping to make school life more complete by organising various activities.

### **Membership**

Membership shall be confined to parents/guardians of pupils attending the school.

### **Annual General Meeting (AGM)**

- The AGM of all parents/guardians shall be held in Term 1.
- The members of the Parents' Council (Committee) shall be elected annually at the AGM.
- Officers shall be elected at the first meeting following the AGM.
- Each officer will be elected for one year.
- At the AGM all Committee Members will step down but they can be re-elected as long as they continue to be a parent/guardian of a child in the school.
- No member of the committee shall hold the same officer position for more than three consecutive years.
- The committee shall elect its own Officers, consisting of Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, Secretary and Public Relations Officer.

### **Meetings**

- The committee shall meet regularly.
- The number of members may vary from time to time in order to give adequate representation. In such cases new members may be co-opted to the committee.
- Quorum for meetings will be 4 members of Parents' Council.

- At least four ordinary meetings shall be held during the school year. Such meetings will be opened with the reading of the minutes and the business of the meeting (Agenda).
- The Secretary shall record the minutes of the meeting for approval at the next meeting
- The Committee may, at its discretion, set up any sub-committee it deems necessary for specific purposes.
- All decisions of the Committee shall be decided by a simple majority of all members voting on an issue and in the event of a tied vote the Chairperson shall have a casting vote.
- Meetings, if required, may be remote if necessary.

### **Co-options**

Co-options to the committee may include the Principal or their Deputy

### **An Extraordinary Meeting**

An Extraordinary meeting of all parents may be called

- On a majority decision of the committee
- At the written request of 5% of parent cohort of the school

To be proposed and ratified in the 2024.25 academic year.