



Role of the Parents Association

Provision is made in the Education Act 1998 to allow parents of students of a school to set up a Parents Association. The Act states that:

The parents of students of a recognised school may establish and maintain from among their number, a parents' association for the school and membership of that association shall be open to all parents of students of that school.

The parents association in a school works with the principal, staff and board of management to build effective co-operation and partnership between home and school.

The role of the parent's association is set down in the Education Act 1998 as follows:

A parents association shall promote the interests of the students in a school in co-operation with the board, principal, teachers and students.

- To advise the Principal or the Board on matters relating to the school*
- To adopt a programme of activities which will promote the involvement of parents in the operation of the school, in consultation with the principal.*

While all parents of pupils of a school are members of the parents association, the majority do not need to be involved in the day-to-day activities of the association. Kilcummin Parents Association will elect a committee annually who manage the responsibilities of the parent association on behalf of all the parents. New members are always welcome!

The following may be some of the activities in which our Parents Associations

might be involved in on any given year:

- Organising information/social events for new parents to the school
- Organising welcome events for new students to the school
- Arranging talks on topics of interest to parents, e.g. guest speaker on parenting/discipline etc
- Preparing school handbooks/calendars
- Providing support/organisational input to major school events, e.g. communions, confirmations, debs etc
- Channelling parents views on school policy issues to the Principal/ Board
- Contributing to school newsletter
- Helping to organise and supervise extra curricular activities
- Organising Fund Raising Events for the school
- Individual pupil insurance

Fund Raising

Our Parents Associations have always worked hard to raise funds for the administration and activities of the association.

This fundraising is carried out in consultation with the Principal & the school board. All funds raised are used for the purpose for which the money was collected.

Cash flow accounts are maintained and presented at the Parent Association AGM. These cash flow accounts are usually then processed and audited alongside the general school accounts.

These events and activities are advertised to parents via a periodic newsletter. Updates on previous events are also included in these newsletters to ensure all parents are fully informed on the financial matters involved in the parents association.

Kilcummin Parents Association are also a member of the National Parents Council - Primary (NPC). This national umbrella organisation provides services and supports for all parents associations including our own.

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