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Bord Coilteachais agus Oiliúna
Léarnúigh agus an Chéileir
Léaraí and Cúite
Education and Training Board

MINUTES OF MEETING

Held On Wednesday, 11th December, 2013

Radisson Blu Hotel, Ennis Road, Limerick

Present:

Cllr Denis McCarthy, Chairperson		
Cllr Tommy Brennan, Deputy Chairperson		
Ms. Joan Aherne	Cllr. Mike Houlihan	Cllr. Pat Mc Mahon
Cllr. Michael Begley	Mr. Jim Houlihan	Cllr. Kieran O'Hanlon
Cllr. Pat Burke	Cllr. Michael Hourigan	Mr. Declan Philips
Cllr. Maria Byrne	Mr. Paddy Hourigan	Ms. Catherine Prendiville
Mr. Billy Carmody	Cllr. Mary Howard	Cllr. Damien Riedy
Mr. Cathal Crowe	Cllr Cormac Hurley	Cllr. P.J. Ryan
Mr. Micheal Corley	Cllr. Mary Jackman	Cllr. Eddie Ryan
Ms. Mary Flanagan	Mr. Eddie Keane	Cllr. Michael Sheahan
Cllr. Liam Galvin	Cllr. Gabriel Keating	Ms. Catherine Tuohy
Mr. Flan Garvey	Mr. Sean Kennedy	Cllr. Eddie Wade
Mr. Bernard Hanrahan	Cllr. Joe Leddin	Cllr. Liam Williams
Ms. Marian Harnett	Cllr. Sean McLoughlin	Ms. Marie Wright McCabe

Apologies:

Cllr. Rose Brennan	Cllr. Michael Hillery	Ms. Phil Roche
Cllr. Ian Lynch		

In attendance:

Mr. Sean Burke, Chief Executive	Mr. John O'Connor, APO
Mr. Paul Patton	Ms. Mary Troy, APO
Ms. Bernadette Cullen	Ms. Joanne O'Brien, Corporate Affairs
Ms. Shelagh Graham, APO	Ms. Caroline Hayes, Corporate Affairs
Mr. Eamon Murphy, APO	Ms. Aine Sheerin, Corporate Affairs
Mr. Denis O' Brien, APO	

1. Condolences

Votes of Sympathy were passed to the following;

- Cllr. David Moloney on the death of his father, Patrick Moloney.
- Mr. Jim Houlihan on the death of his brother, Canon Liam Houlihan, late of St Sebastian's and St Boniface's, Salford, England.
- Ms. Aoife Collin's (Coláiste na Trócaire, Rathkeale) on the death of her father, Mr. Liam Collins.
- Mr. Gerry O'Neill (School of Music) on the death of his mother, Mrs. Kitty O'Neill (nee Stack).

2. Minutes of Previous Meeting of Limerick and Clare Education and Training Board

Minutes of meeting held on 16th October, 2013, already circulated, were confirmed and signed on the proposal of Cllr. Maria Byrne, seconded by Cllr. Tommy Brennan.

3. Matters arising from the Minutes

Cllr Cathal Crowe welcomed the extension of the timeframe for the amalgamation of Salesian Secondary School with St. Nessan's Community College to three years.

4. Correspondence

4.1 Department of Education & Skills

CL 052/2013
25th October, 2013 Re: Procedures on Commencement of Section 30 in Recognised Schools.
Noted.

CL 0053/2013
October, 2013 Re: Travel Pass Scheme for 2014.
Noted.

CL 0055/2013
October, 2013 Re: Revised arrangements 2013/2014 – Transition Year Certificates.
Noted.

CL 0056/2013
October, 2013 Re: Computer Studies Certificates - Revised arrangements 2013/2014.
Noted.

<u>CL 0058/2013</u> October, 2013	Re: Assignment of HSCL Co-ordinators within DEIS. Noted.
<u>CL 0059/2013</u> October, 2013	Re: Summer Works Scheme 2014. Noted.
<u>CL 0060/2013</u> October, 2013	Re: Public Procurement. Noted.
<u>CL 0063/2013</u> December, 2013	Re: Reducing Costs to Parents - School Uniforms. Noted.
16 th October, 2013	Re: Back to Education Funding Co. Clare Area and Co. Limerick Area. Noted.
13 th November, 2013	Re: DEIS Family Literacy Scheme 2013/2014. Noted.
5 th December, 2013	Re: Appointment of Ms. Lou Dennehy as student representative on the Governing Body of Limerick Institute of Technology. Confirmed.
6 th December, 2013	Re: Allocation of places and funding for all further education programmes with effect from 1 st January, 2014. Noted.

Lodgements:

30th October, 2013	€221.44	Re: Computer Equipment Grant Coláiste Chiaráin, Croom. Noted
30th October, 2013	€816.72	Re: Computer Equipment Grant St. Nessian's Community College. Noted

4.2 Education and Training Boards Ireland

None.

4.3 Other Correspondence

<u>Fr: Department of Communications, Energy and Natural Resources</u> 13 th November, 2013	Re: Energy Consumption in the Public Sector. Noted.
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Limerick Area Post-Primary Schools Common Application System 2014/15

Information Sheet

What is the Limerick Area Post-Primary Schools Common Application System?

The Limerick Area Post-Primary Schools Common Application System is the process by which the transfer of 6th class primary school students to the participating post-primary schools is managed.

Which Post-Primary Schools participate in the system?

There are 17 participant post-primary schools. The schools participating in the 2014/15 system are as follows:-

Ardcoil Mhuire (<i>girls</i>), Corbally, Limerick.
Ardcoil Rís (<i>boys</i>), North Circular Road, Limerick.
Castletroy College (<i>co-ed</i>), Newtown, Castletroy, Co. Limerick
Coláiste Chiaráin (<i>co-ed</i>), Croom, Co. Limerick.
Coláiste Mhichil (<i>boys</i>), Sexton Street, Limerick.
Crescent College Comprehensive S.J. (<i>co-ed</i>), Dooradoyle, Limerick.
Gaelcholáiste Luimnigh (<i>co-ed, All Irish</i>), Sir Harry's Mall, Limerick.
Laurel Hill Coláiste F.C.J. (<i>girls, All Irish</i>), South Circular Road, Limerick.
Laurel Hill Secondary School F.C.J. (<i>girls</i>), South Circular Road, Limerick.
Presentation Secondary School (<i>girls</i>), Sexton Street, Limerick.
St. Clements College (<i>boys</i>), South Circular Road, Limerick.
St. Munchin's College (<i>boys</i>), Corbally, Limerick.
St. Nessian's Community College (<i>co-ed</i>), Moylish Park, Limerick.
Salesian Secondary College (<i>co-ed</i>), Pallaskenry, Co. Limerick.
Salesian Secondary School (<i>girls</i>), Fernbank, North Circular Road, Limerick.
Scoil Carmel Secondary School (<i>girls</i>), O'Connell Avenue, Limerick.
Villiers Secondary School (<i>co-ed, Fee Charging</i>), North Circular Road, Limerick.

What are the criteria of admission to a post-primary school?

Each participating post-primary school has unique admissions criteria, details of which can be found in the School's Admission Policy. Copies of this policy may be obtained by contacting the schools directly.

How do I make an application for 1st year student enrolment to a participating post-primary school?

In order to make an application for the academic year 2014/15 you must complete the Limerick Area Post-Primary Schools Common Application Form. This form will be made available at all participating post-primary school Open Days/Nights for prospective 1st year students. A copy has also been sent to all identified feeder primary schools.

When completing the form it is important that you indicate a minimum of 9 schools to which you are applying in genuine, descending order of choice as a failure to do so may result in your child not being

<p><u>Fr. Department of Children and Youth Affairs</u> 17th October, 2013</p>	<p>Re: Special Projects for Youth Funding of €76,646 – County Limerick Area. Noted.</p>
<p>25th November, 2013</p>	<p>Re: Education and Training Board (ETB) Youth Work functions for 2013. Noted.</p>
<p>2nd December, 2013</p>	<p>Re: Once off payment for Croom Youth in Action Project €12,000. Noted</p>
<p>5th December, 2013</p>	<p>Re: Final Instalment of Current Funding for 2013; City of Limerick Local Area (SPY) - €88,083 City of Limerick Local Area (YPFSF 1) - €47,077 City of Limerick Local Area (YPFSF 2) - €193,100 Noted.</p>
<p><u>Fr. Ennis Primary School Principals' Group</u> 27th November, 2013</p>	<p>Re: Current enrolment process to the town's post primary schools. The Chief Executive read correspondence to Members and in this context referred to the recent Admissions to School Bill. Committee agreed that the CE should advise the Group of availability to meet to discuss the matter.</p>

5. Chief Executive's Report

Progress Report on Amalgamation

The CE updated the Board in relation to ongoing progress in the consolidation of the LCETB and paid tribute to all involved.

Inaugural Meeting of the St. Nessian's & Salesian Steering Group

Members were pleased to note that the inaugural meeting of the Steering Group had been held in the Greenhills hotel on Thursday 5th December. All stakeholders were represented at the meeting. The Board wished the project well.

Saint Enda's Celebrates Forty Years in Education

The CE advised the Board that St. Enda's Community School had recently celebrated its fortieth year in education in a most appropriate way and tribute was paid to all involved.

BT Young Scientist Competition

The CE referred to the significant number of projects from LCETB schools that had qualified and been accepted for the 2014 BT Young Scientist Competition in January 2014. Tribute was paid to all of the students, teachers, schools and families involved.

Meeting with Student Support Team Co-ordinators

The Board was informed that a meeting of Student Support Team Co-ordinators was facilitated recently to review the operation of the SST and plan for further supports. The development of a resource pack for critical incidents for all ETB schools is at an advanced stage.

Working Group on Bullying Procedures

A number of meetings of the Working Group on Bullying Procedures, representative of LCETB schools, have been held recently. This is in preparation for the implementation of the revised Anti-Bullying Policy during 2014.

Helping Parents support their children in School

Members noted that a seminar "Working in Partnership, Helping Parents support their children in School," was organised in order to promote improved integration between Community Education and HSCL Staff in Schools.

Limerick College of Further Education

It was noted that the inaugural meeting of the Board of Management of Limerick College of Further Education, (LCFE), took place on 27th November 2013. The Members and CE who congratulated students of LCFE who were presented with their Skills for Work Certificates in a recent graduation ceremony.

Principals' Forum

Members welcomed the establishment of a forum for Principals from across the LCETB area and also noted a similar forum was established for Further Education and Training.

FET/VTOS

The Board noted that a presentation on the structure of the FET (Further Education and Training) division was made to VTOS Staff recently.

Clare Music Generation

The CE was pleased to inform the Board that the Clare Music Education Partnership application to Music Generation had been successful and he warmly congratulated all involved, The Board also paid tribute to all concerned.

With regard to Music Generation Limerick City, Cllr. Kieran O'Hanlon expressed his concern that traditional Irish Music and items with Irish language content were not being promoted by the project and expressed his hope that Music Generation Clare would include more Irish Music and Irish language content in their project. The Education and Training Officer gave a detailed account of the provision of music in Limerick City, which was welcomed by the Members and explained that this was a three year programme with the initial orientation on young people with particular emphasis on the primary school age group. The Board paid tribute to the Education and Training Officer for his work in this regard.

Buildings Report

The CE referred to building matters and a comprehensive report was presented by the Head of Building and Procurement on the various capital projects currently in hand. The Board was pleased to note same and also the number of projects seeking funding under the Summer Works Scheme for 2014. The CE and Members paid tribute to the Head of Building and Procurement on the work to date.

Involvements at National Level

The CE referred to the recent election of Mr. Pdraig Flanagan, Principal Castletroy College, as President of the NAPD and the Board and CE wished him well in his Presidency.

The Board noted also that Mr. Noel Malone, Principal, Colaiste Chiarain, Croom, had been invited to present to the Department of Education and Skills on the New Curriculum for the revised Junior Certificate Programme.

The Board also noted that Mr. Donncha Ó Treasaigh, Principal, Gaelcholaiste Luimnigh, was involved in a number of national initiatives.

Student and School Achievements

With regard to **Coláiste Idé agus Iosef, Abbeyfeale**, warmest congratulations to Chloe Dalton and Megan Roche who have been selected for the Munster under 18 Rugby Team. Congratulations also to Philip Daly who was selected for the Under 19 Munster Rugby Team.

The school's Under 19 Rugby Team defeated St. Clement's in the Munster semi-final of the O'Brien Cup in Abbeyfeale.

Congratulations to the Senior Boys Basketball Team who have qualified for the regional final while the Schools Cadettes and Senior Girls Basketball Teams are in All Ireland play offs.

Thirty Students competed in the "Save the Children" World Marathon Challenge at UL recently and students also enjoyed success at the recent Fleadh Cheoil.

With regard to the annual **Clare Schools** Student Awards, which took place in Ennis on 6th December 2013, Members were pleased to note the success of the evening and paid fulsome tribute to all involved and congratulated the award winners, their teachers and families. The CE thanked Cllr Tommy Brennan, Chairperson of the Clare LAC for his presence and for presenting the awards.

With regard to **Coláiste Chiaráin, Croom**, congratulations to Conor Foy who came second overall in the national final of Scifest, with the title of his project "To Design and Manufacture a Device to Improve Timing among a Rowing Crew". Conor had previously been awarded the top prize at the regional final earlier this year. Well done Conor and his teacher Ms. Edel Farrell.

Best wishes to Diana Mirza, first year pupil who won the EU Youth Chess Championships U13 (girls) in August and she is now the Irish Women's Chess Champion. Diana will be travel to The United Arab Emirates (UAE) on the 19th - 29th of December for the World Youth Chess Championships.

Congratulations to Dearbhla Kinsella who won first place in the 60cm show jumping class on the horse Sky Boy.

With regard to **Hazelwood College, Dromcollogher**, congratulations on their victory over Coláiste na Trocaire in the County Limerick Colleges' senior hurling competition on a final score of 5-22 to 1-7.

Congratulations to Hazelwood College students first years Neasa Fahy, Maedbh McCarthy and Second Year Cathy Foley who represented the school in the final of the Home Cook Hero Competition 2013.

Well done to Máiríde Bennis, first year student in Hazelwood College who was one of four finalist chosen by the public through a voting campaign to compete in the final of the Uncle Ben's Beginner Cookery Competition.

Science Week Ireland 2013 was celebrated at Hazelwood with the Fifth Annual Primary Schools' Science.

With regard to **Ennistymon Vocational School**, congratulations to student Ryan Morgan who was awarded an Ernest Walton Stem Bursary scholarship by the Department of Education and Skills.

With regard to **St. John Bosco Community College, Kildysart**, congratulations to student Stephen McInerney, who was awarded a J. P. McManus Scholarship.

With regard to **St. Anne's Community College, Killaloe**, congratulations to student William Denning who was also awarded a J.P. McManus Scholarship.

With regard to **St. Nessian's Community College**, Limerick, the Board noted that a new scholarship scheme for students from St. Nessian's had been launched recently. This is a partnership initiative with LIT and Irish Public Bodies where five scholarships will be available to St. Nessian's graduates. Tribute was paid to all involved.

With regard to **Gaelcholáiste Luimnigh**, congratulations to student, Cian Murphy, who was awarded a J.P. McManus Scholarship. Members also noted the success of the debating teams under the mentorship of Julie Nic Eoin, with both senior teams having enjoyed great success this year in the Concern and Ghael Linn competitions.

Students have also participated in the final of the Mental Health Ireland Public Speaking Project.

Five pupils and the school Principal were invited by the ICT Policy Unit of the Department of Education and Skills to attend the launch of the public consultation phase for the new Digital Strategy for Schools At the launch, which was attended by Ministers Quinn, Rabbitte and Cannon, Donncha Ó Treasaigh was asked to make a presentation on Gaelcholáiste Luimnigh's successful integration of ICT into all subjects available at the school.

6. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

6.1 Local Area Committees

On the proposal of Cllr. Mary Jackman, seconded by Cllr. Tommy Brennan, the minutes from the three Local Area Committee Meetings held in September, 2013 were unanimously confirmed.

6.2 Boards of Management

The following Minutes were confirmed by the Board on the proposal of Cllr. Liam Galvin, seconded by Mr. Flan Garvey;

- Colaiste Ide agus Iosef, Abbeyfeale held on 17th September, 2013
- Colaiste Chiarain, Croom, held on 29th May, 2013
- Hazelwood College, Dromcollogher, held on 9th September, 2013
- Colaiste na Trocaire, Rathkeale, held on 28th May, 2013

7. Finance Committee Report

The following Minutes were adopted by the Board on the proposal of Cllr. Michael Sheahan, seconded by Ms. Joan Ahern;

- City of Limerick VEC Finance Committee Meeting held on 13th June, 2013
- Co. Clare VEC Finance Committee Meeting held on 3rd May, 2013
- Co. Limerick VEC Finance Committee Meeting held on 26th June, 2013

8. Audit Committee Report

On the proposal of Cllr. Maria Byrne, seconded by Cllr. Damien Riedy, the following minutes were noted by the Board;

- City of Limerick VEC Audit Committee Meeting held on 17th April, 2013
- Co. Clare VEC Audit Committee Meeting held on 16th May, 2013
- Co. Limerick VEC Audit Finance Committee Meeting held on 27th June, 2013

9. AOB with the permission of the Chairperson

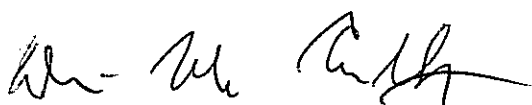
Cllr Flan Garvey wished to have an update on the Aonad Lán Gaeilge/Gaelcholaiste situation in Ennis at the next meeting. The CE stated that the matter would be comprehended in the CE's report to the next meeting.

Next Meeting Fixed for Wednesday, 12th February, 2014, at 4.30 p.m.

The meeting concluded and the Chairperson and CE wished all Members and Staff warmest seasonal greetings.

Signed) SEAN BURKE,
Chief Executive.

Signed:



Chairperson of Meeting held on 27th February, 2014.