



Clonakilty Community College

STUDENT COUNCIL CONSTITUTION

OUR STUDENT COUNCIL CONSTITUTION AIMS:

- To represent students views to management;
- To contribute to the developing policy in the school;
- To be a resource working in partnership with the management of the school;
- To improve the school atmosphere, conditions and facilities;
- To generate good relations between students, staff and management.

OBJECTIVES:

- To consider holding fund raising events during the school year as needed;
- To review the student council constitution every two years;
- To hold meetings regularly (except in the case of an extraordinary meeting) throughout the school year;
- A representative body of students to meet with the board of management at least once a year;
- To establish and develop interschool student council liaising and to learn from each other;
- In planning its activities the student council will consult with the Principal, staff and parents association.

STRUCTURE OF THE STUDENT COUNCIL

Two students will be elected from each year group in the school, one from LCA 1 and 2, one from Rang Padraig and one from Rang Saoirse. This means there will be fifteen students in total. A student council liaison teacher will assist the student council in its work.

ELECTIONS:

Elections will take place in October each year. Each year group will elect two representatives in a secret ballot. Students will nominate themselves if they are interested in becoming members of the council. The students will vote for one of the nominated students and the students with the most votes will represent their year group on the student council.

TERM OF OFFICE:

The term of office is for one academic year.

STUDENT COUNCIL OFFICERS:

The Student's council will appoint President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and P.R.O.S. Each will hold office for one year.

SUB COMMITTEES:

The student council reserves the right to form sub-committees. A sub-committee will consist of the aforementioned Student Council Officers. The planned activity of the sub-committee must be submitted to the student council for approval. Sub-committees must report regularly to the council on their progress.

FINANCE AND FUNDRAISING:

The student council will consult and co-operate with the management, staff and parents when planning fund raising activities. The student council treasurer will keep an up to date and accurate account of all the money raised by the council.

MEETINGS AND DECISION MAKING:

The student council will meet regularly. Advance notice to be given before holding a meeting. At least one third of members must attend for a decision to be taken. When making a decision any member of the council may call for a vote to be held and, where the votes are divided evenly, the chairperson will have the casting vote.

REMOVING MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL AND FILLING:

The student council has the right to remove a member if that member fails to attend meetings. The member must be given at least one week's notice of the proposal and must be allowed to address the council in their defence. Where a member is to be removed a vote must be held