



GREYSTONES EDUCATE TOGETHER N.S

PARENT NOMINEES TO BOARD OF MANAGEMENT

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INTRODUCTION

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PARENT NOMINEE ELECTIONS TO BOARD OF MANAGEMENT



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PRESENTATION: CONTENT

Ethos

Role of the Patron

Who is on the Board of Management

Role of the Board of Management

Communication with school

Training

Why be a Parent Nominee



Four principles of Educate Together Charter:

- Multi-denominational
- Child-centred
- Democratically run
- Co-educational



ROLE OF PATRON

- Ethos - Promoting discussion about, and understanding of, the ethos among the school community
- Appointment of Board of Management, including Chairperson
- Approving appointment of teaching staff
- Appointing two nominees to the Board of Management
- Support for Board (LGD Team, RDOs)



BOARD OF MANAGEMENT – EIGHT MEMBERS

- Two direct nominees of the patron
- Two parents of the children enrolled in the school (one mother, one father)
- The principal teacher
- One other teacher on the staff of the school, elected by vote of the teaching staff
- Two Nominees from the wider community (unanimously agreed by previous six core members)



Role of the Board of Management: Relevant Acts (some, not all!)

- Education Act 1998
- Education (Welfare) Act 2000
- Education for Persons with Special Educational Needs 2004
- Teaching Council Act
- Part-time Workers Act
- Child Protection legislation
- Equal Status Act 2000
- Data Protection Act



Role of Board of Management

- Manage the school – provide an appropriate education for each student
- Act in accordance with legislation & policy
- Uphold Educate Together ethos
- Consult and inform patron body
- Publish policies
- Be accountable S.18 Education Act (accounts and records)



Roles on Board of Management

Chairperson

Principal teacher

Recording secretary

Treasurer

Other: Safety officer

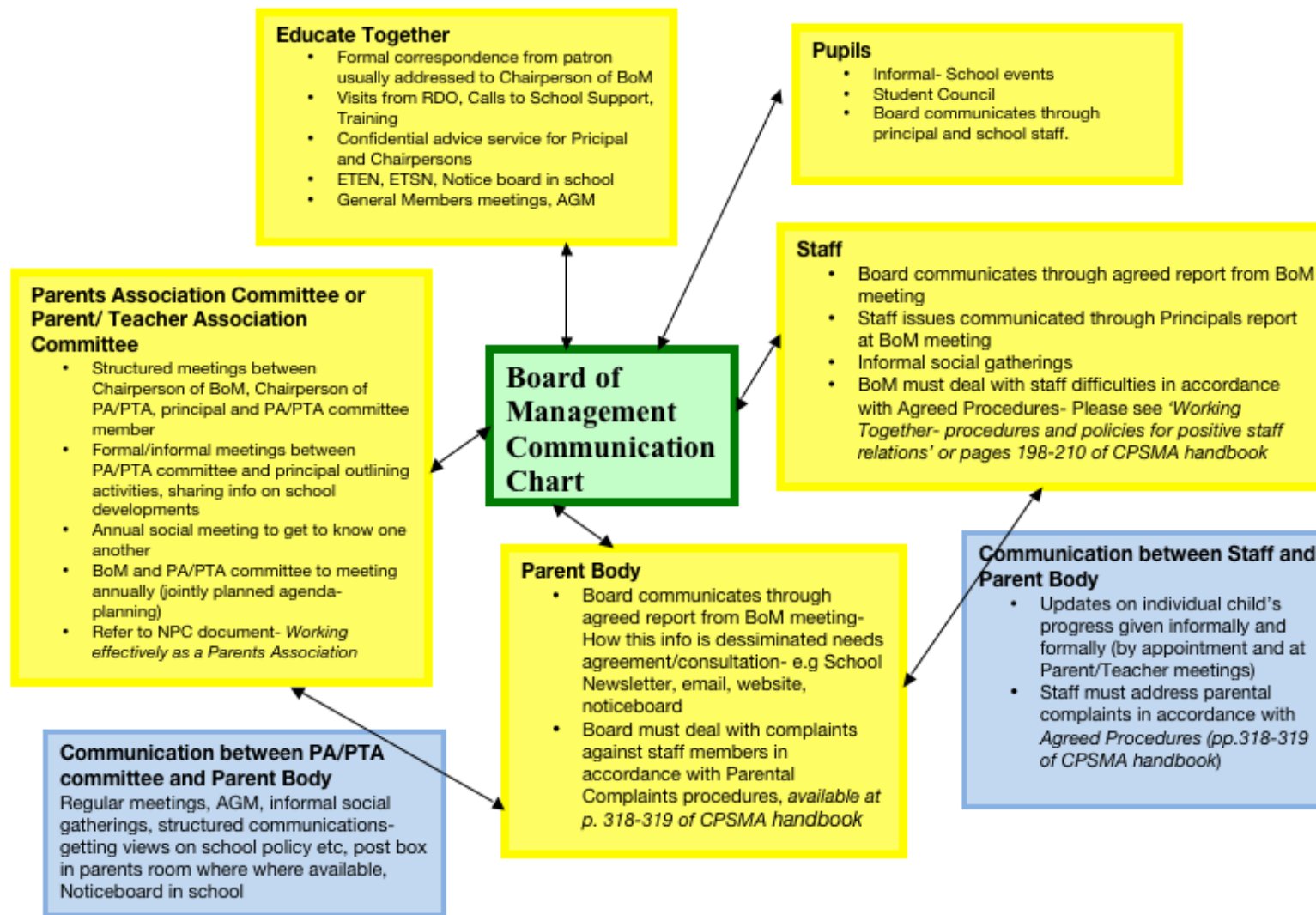
Maintenance/buildings officer

Educate Together representative (General Meetings, communications, etc.)

Pre-enrolment officer (not always a Board member)



Communication with school community



Training

- Online training commencing mid-November for all Board Members (general)
- Workshop/face-to-face Training Sessions in January 2012
- Tailored training specific to schools if required
- Further training in Recruitment, Child Protection, Finance, Legal, Health & Safety etc. being planned over next two years



Why be a Parent Nominee?

What you give...

- Experience
- Time
- Commitment
- Support to school community
- Opinions and ideas
- Acting collectively as management
- Working as a team
- Learning community

What you get...

- Learning new skills
- Empowerment
- Knowledge of education system
- Understanding of group dynamics
- Influence on national educational policy (through involvement with Educate Together)



Elections for Parent Nominees

