

# National Trustee Forum Conference 2010

## Revisiting the Co- Patronage Model for Community Schools

## NTF Conference 2008

- Comprehensive review of the role of Patrons
- Legal obligations on Patrons under the Education Act 1998
- ACCS Guidelines for Trustees/Patrons
- Managing the Co-Patronage Role in Community Schools
- ACCS Guidelines for Trustees in C & C Schools

## NTF Conference 2009

- Interface between the role of Trustees and the Board of Management
- Obligations on the Board of Management to report to Trustees
- Practical Operation of Communications between the Board & Trustees
- Pivotal role of the Link Trustee in the Communication role as outlined in the ACCS Guidelines for Trustees

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# **ACCS Guidelines for Trustees**

**(See Summary Notes enclosed)**

- Board of Management
- School Property
- Characteristic Spirit
- Policies and Communication
- Personnel Matters
- Trustee Interests
- Checklists for Trustees and Boards

# New Board of Management 2010 – 2013

## Outgoing Board

- February/March 2010/2013
  - Sought Nominations from Trustees
  - Arranged for Election of Parent and Teacher Nominees
  - Letters of appointment
- May/June
  - Get together of new and outgoing Board with Trustees
  - Thank you to outgoing
  - Welcome to new
  - Significance of Role
  - Tour of the school buildings

# Induction of New Board

- Access to Training
  - ACCS CPD Programme
  - Trustee interests
  - PACCS
- Characteristic Spirit of the School
  - Nature – Co-ed, Single Sex, Gaelscoil, Special Needs, etc
  - Religious Ethos
- Policies – Relative roles of Board, Trustees

# Link Person

- Arrangements for appointment
- Communication
  - Board Minutes
  - School Plan
  - Any other relevant matters
- Protocol for communication
  - Link Person with Board
  - Link Person with Trustees

# School Plan

- Constant Review and update.
- Does the plan advance the founding purpose of the school?
- Whole School Evaluation and Inspection process.
- Role of the Trustee
  - Legitimate interest??
  - Interference??

# Employment of Staff

## Board

- To define needs
- Advertising etc.
- Staff Relations
- Dispute Resolution

## Trustees

- Characteristic Spirit
- Selection Board  
Nominees
- Dispute Resolution??

# School Management

- Enrolment, Curriculum, Discipline, Finance
  - All a matter for the Board in consultation with the Principal and Staff.
  - Trustee role only in so far as decisions may be in conflict with characteristic spirit or with the law e.g. Religion, Special Needs provision.
- Plant Management
  - Change of use

# Major Events

- School Opening
- Prize Day
- Recognition of School achievement – academic, sporting etc.
- School publications

# Challenges of Co-Patronage

- Each Patron has a role also in single Patronage
- Practical difficulties in communication
- Practical issues in respect of joint decisions and viewpoints
- Real or perceived ‘conflicts of interest’
- Challenge of Catholic co-patronage – ACCS perspective