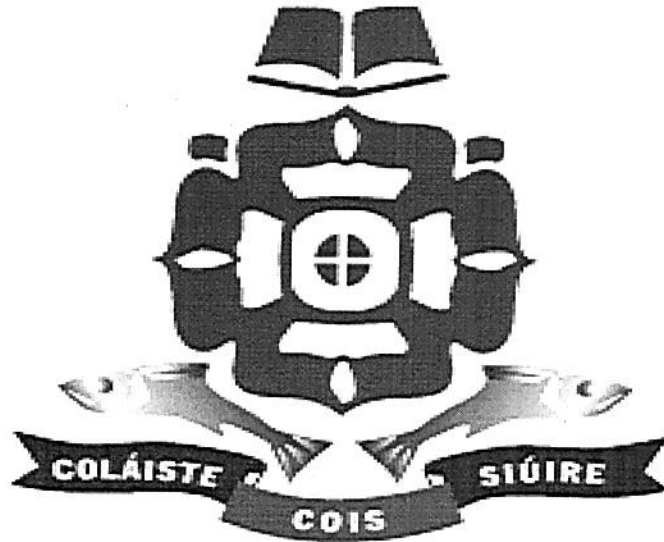


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## *Constitution of the Student Council*

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## The Council 2018-2019

### Chairspersons:

Ben Skeehan & Nicole Cooke

### Secretaries:

Jade Dodd & Nathan Long

### Treasurers:

Georgina Walsh & Ryan Duggan

### Public Relations Officers (PRO):

Alex Bailey, Sinead Sheridan, Emily Hillick & Eugene Suffin

## Roles and Responsibilities of the Student Council

The Student Council are your representatives when it comes to problems you wish to put forward to school management. We, The Student Council of Coláiste Cois Siúire are here to put your ideas forward, so you can have a say. We are here to listen to the student body and to make a difference in the school. The role of the Liaison Officer will be to monitor the Student Council activities.

## Basic Aims of the Student Council

The Student Council are to carry out the following responsibilities throughout the school:

- To ensure they keep their peers up to date on various matters (if applicable)
- To ensure they get opinions off all their peers concerning the student body
- To communicate with management if needed permission for various activities
- To present our ideas or suggestions to the Board of Management
- Managing and Accounting to the Student Council and Board of Management, for any funds raised by the Council.

## Terms of office

The term of office is one full year. Student Council carry their roles into the next school year until a new council is elected. The term of office is open to review if it felt the student body is either too long or too short.

## Appointing officers

- In regard to electing the Student Council members themselves, the class group will vote for who they feel will represent them best. It will begin having nominations and from then on those candidates class group will carry out the vote.
- Two members, one male and one female, must be elected from each year at the start of the first term.
- Certain criteria will prevent a candidates nomination from being accepted, e.g. being on the Special List and/or repeated suspensions. The final decision will be made by the principal.
- In regard to the Chairpersons, they will be selected from the elected sixth years.
- Regarding to the other officers of the Student Council, they will be voted for the positions of Secretaries, Treasures and PRO's by the Student Council.
- The Liaison Teacher will be chosen by the Management.

## Student Council Meetings

A student council meeting will be held fortnightly on an agreed day. The appointed secretaries will notify the members of the council of the time and place/ room by hanging an agenda a day in advance. In order for a vote or decision to be made, all members should be present. If the decision or vote is divided equally among the council, the liaison teacher shall make the final decision. The principal is invited to the meeting if he wishes to attend. The meeting must not take place if the liaison teacher is not present.

## Finance

Treasurers are responsible for keeping record of the money collected or used when carrying out student council events. At every meeting the treasurers must state the finance situation. When counting the money, they will be accompanied by another member if there is not two treasurers selected.

## Members of the Council: Filling a Vacancy

The repeated absences, breeches of the student council contract, may lead to the removal of a member. The member shall be given a vocal warning and a written warning. If the misbehaviour continues, with the permission of the principal, the member shall be removed from the council. However if the member is just not fulfilling their duties, they will be given the choice to step down but remain a member of the council. Any vacancies may be filled with a by-election.

## Changing the Constitution

The constitution should be reviewed by each new member of the student council and by the Board of Management annually. If a student feels the need to change any aspect of the constitution a vote must be held. Each member must be aware of the changes wanted a week prior to the voting. The full number of members must be present for the vote and a least to thirds must be in agreeance to the change in order for it to be carried out. The Board of Management must be informed of the issue before the vote is taking place.

**Student Council members MUST read through the constitution and sign a member's contract, which shall be issued at the first meeting of the council annually.**

Signed

Student Council Liaison Teacher

## STUDENT COUNCIL MEMBER'S CONTRACT

I \_\_\_\_\_ am willing to undertake the following duties:

1. To attend Student Council meetings.
2. To inform my year of issues raised or dealt with in the Student Council.
3. To represent my year responsibly.
4. To fulfil my role as a student council member to the best of my ability.
5. I will respect all members of the council in an equal manner.
6. I am accountable to both the student council and the liaison teacher.
7. I will abide by the school rules and not use my council membership inappropriately.
8. I will act as a role model and peer leader.

**N.B. Failure to honour this contract will lead to dismissal from the council.**

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_