Reflection Questions for Parent Groups

These questions are designed for use by the school’s formal parent body to assist it to reflect on its purpose, role and commitment to evolve to meet the needs of the school and its parent community:

VISION AND GOALS
- Is the group clear about its purpose and role in the school?
- Are parents clear about the parent group’s role in the school?
- Do parents understand and support the reason/s for particular events and activities?

COMMUNICATION
- What methods of communication are used between the parent group and the broader parent community?
- Is there adequate communication between the group and parents?
- Do parents get all the information they need when they need it?
- Is the communication regular and genuine?

RESOURCES
- What resources are available to the parent group to carry out its work?
- Are these adequate?
SPIRIT OF CO-OPERATION

➢ Is the broader community given the opportunity to participate in the group’s decision making and evaluation processes? E.g. surveys, feedback forms?

MORALE OF THE GROUP

➢ Is there a sense of well being and satisfaction?
➢ Is there a sense of openness and trust?
➢ Do members feel appreciated?
➢ Is the work of all parents identified, valued and celebrated?
➢ What role does the parent group take in celebrating parent participation in the school?

INNOVATION

➢ Is there room to grow, develop and change?
➢ Are new ideas welcomed and explored?

The Federation of Catholic School Parent Communities is able to serve your parent group in the following ways:

➢ Resources on our website
➢ Advice/support over the phone or via email
➢ Group formation and support with planning and review and review of the group’s work.