



**National Parents Association for
Vocational Schools & Community Colleges**
Cumann Náisiúnta na dTuismitheoirí Gairmscoileanna agus Coláistí Comhphobail

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NPAVSCC's 22nd Annual Congress was held at the **Keadeen Hotel, Newbridge, Co. Kildare**, on Friday 23 and 24 March. The opening session on Friday as well as our EGM was well attended. The President Mr. Jim Moore welcomed everybody and proceedings got underway on schedule.

Standing orders were suspended to enable an **EGM** take place. When this was completed, all relevant reports and financial statements were read, proposed and adopted. There followed a very pleasant social evening.

Saturday's proceedings got underway with registration and the conference officially opened at 10.40 am.

Our principal speaker for the morning was **Professor Mona O' Moore of Trinity College Anti-Bullying Centre**, who gave an excellent presentation on bullying and its effects. A DVD produced by the antibullying centre at TCD accompanied this. It was a very evocative and thought provoking production; it was followed by a lively question and answer session.

Sean Ashe, CEO of Co. Kildare VEC then addressed Conference. This report will be available later.

Dr. Garrett Fitzgerald opened the afternoon session of Conference and for over an hour he held the attention of the attending audience with his views on Education over the years. There again followed a question and answer session. (Dr. Fitzgerald's address to Congress will be available shortly).

Motions followed and those were passed and recorded for working on during the year.

Election of Officers: On the election of officers the following officers:-
Jim Moore, John Gibbons, Jackie O'Callaghan and Ken Maguire were all returned in their previous positions.

New Officers:-

Catherine O'Donnell -Asst Secretary,

Pauline O'Brien- Asst Treasurer,

Frank McDaid- PRO.

Jim Moore made a presentation to the outgoing PRO, Trish Forde Brennan, and wished her well in her new direction in life.

Congress closed and the evening entertainment commenced and continued to the early hours.

**The Annual Delegate Conference
of**

National Parents Council Post Primary

The Annual Delegate Conference of National Parents Council – Post Primary was held at the Tullamore Court Hotel 27th - 28th of May. With a very packed programme over the Friday and Saturday, time was of the essence and the Agenda was well adhered to in order to keep things on track.

It was a very cohesive and amicable weekend, and the main issue of the finalising of the Strategic Review was well worked on in workshops and subsequent reporting back from the various groups was very worthwhile.

The final draft of the Strategic Review as presented by the Newmarket Consulting Group, and will be made available to all constituent bodies in the next week and will be before the NPC meeting on May 26th for adoption or rejection as the constituent bodies see fit.

National Parents Council Post Primary Constituent Bodies are

COMPASS	Co-operation of Minority Religion & Protestant Parent Associations Secondary Schools.
CSPA	Congress of Catholic Secondary Parent Associations
FED	Federation of Catholic Brothers & other Catholic Schools Parent Councils
NPAVSCC	National Parents' Association for Vocational Schools & Community Colleges.
PACCS	Parents Associations of Community & Comprehensive Schools

National Executive Meetings for 2007 / 2008 (Proposed Dates)

Saturday 9 th June 2007	Saturday 7 th July 2007
Saturday 15 th September 2007	Saturday 6 th October 2007 ***
Saturday 3 rd November 2007	Saturday 1 st December 2007
Saturday 12 th January 2008	Saturday 9 th February 2008

*** VEC Representatives Conference (Provisional)

These Monthly meetings will be held in The Midway Comfort Inn, Portlaoise at 10.30am.

All our affiliated schools are entitled to have two delegates attend our National Executive meetings and so you are all most welcome.

CAO dates 1st July 2007 Final date for change of mind in respect of course choices.
NPCpp Helpline will go ahead in August following the release of the Leaving Cert. results by the DES. Dates and times will be publicised later.

**Enjoy the summer holidays and we look forward to hearing from you in
September 2007**

