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Introduction:

My name is Michele Regan and I am secretary of the current Stratford Parents association. The Parent's Association has been going for 10 years and is very closely involved in many aspects of school life. The reason most of us have chosen Stratford for our sons and daughters is because it is a small school with a nurturing environment, where the students and teachers all know each other and the students' particular talents can be encouraged and strengthened. The fact of Stratford being such a small school offers us as parents the opportunity to become part of the school community and be involved in our children's education in a way that would not be possible in a larger school.

Over the last couple of years we have been consulted on many issues, for example, The school anti-bullying policy, 5th year uniforms, discipline code, parent/student handbook, relationships and sexuality document, draft calendars, admissions policy, whole school evaluation, LCVP etc. Ms. Gordon is very good at keeping us abreast of any changes and developments going on in the school and we are very much "in the loop".

In the last year the Parent's Association has been involved in helping out at various events at the school -

- Suggestions were sought for the 3rd year CSPE project to fundraise for Our Lady's Hospital for Sick Children.
- The puppetry and music evening that took place last December
- Prize and sponsorship collection for the school production of "View from a Bridge".
- The 6th year graduation lunch
- The pre-debs reception that took place at the beginning of this school year.
- The National Parent Council Training day in June.

This year's events will include:

- An open evening for prospective parents on Sunday 14th November
- The musical production "My Fair Lady" on 4th and 5th of December, for which we are now collecting spot prizes and advertisements for the brochure.
- A parent's directory
- A friendship list

Also 2 parents will be required to join the newly formed board of management.

We look forward to a new school year that will re-invigorate the sense of community that is so important in a school of this size.